

# “Creating English Language Environment for Students in Hong Kong” Project

## 「為香港學生創設英語環境」計劃 Post-workshop Writing Competition

### 英語寫作比賽

In order to create a rich and pleasurable English language environment for our students to extend their learning experience beyond classroom, our school joined the programme “Creating English Language Environment for Students in Hong Kong” Project (2011/12) which was jointly organized by the Standing Committee on Language Education and Research (語文教育及研究常務委員會) and Ocean Park (香港海洋公園). During the workshop, 30 Primary 4 students were provided with the opportunity of using English in the roles of “Coastal Explorers” and “Ocean Ambassadors” in Ocean Park. Not only have they discovered much about the amazing wonders of marine life, they have also realized the harmful effects of pollution on animals, which has certainly raised their awareness in protecting animals in our nature and the importance to take actions without delay.



Competing with schools all over Hong Kong in the Post-workshop Writing Competition, we're proud to announce that **TSANG TSZ HIN Matthew of 4C** won the Merit Prize in the competition. The prizes are very attractive: Matthew was presented a **Certificate of Award** and **5 Ocean Park admission tickets!** Besides, all students who participate in the project were also presented a **Certificate of Attendance**; whereas the 10 students who were nominated to participate in the writing competition were also presented a **Certificate of Participation**.

On top of sharing the good news, we would also like to take this chance to share with you the writing of the 10 nominated works. So students, keep writing and put your ideas on paper to explore your boundless potential. Have an enjoyable read!

**Love Our Animals**  
*by Tsang Tsz Hin, Matthew (4C)*

Dear Kenny,

How are you? Yesterday, I went to Ocean Park with my classmates to learn a lot from the workshop and I would like to share my learning experience with you.

We, the “Coastal Explorers”, were welcomed by Mr. Sea lion, who led us through the learning journey of the day. He first introduced to us what food chain and food web are. Then, we played a game called “Buy the sea products in supermarket”.

In both activities, I have learnt the feeding connection between living creatures and what sea products we can shop for in a “supermarket”. It was great and fun!

Suddenly, Mr. Sea lion pulled a long face and told us some unhappy facts about sea lions.

“We like swimming in the sea but there are fewer and fewer of us now. Do you know why? It’s because people took away our home and make land out of it for themselves! Also, the water pollution is so serious now! It makes the fish sick! It makes us sick too! There’s no fish for us to eat and that’s why we’re facing extinction...”

I felt sorry for Mr. sea lion and his friends after hearing there unhappy facts. I think people should consider the feelings of the sea animals more before reclaiming lands for their own use. We should also protect the water from being polluted so that sea lions and his friends can have a good living habitat. What do you think? Tell me in your reply!



Best wishes,  
Matthew



**Love Our Animals**  
*by Kong Yin Ying, Anna (4A)*

Dear Chloe,

How are you? On 5<sup>th</sup> April, I went to Ocean Park with my classmates for a workshop to study about the living habits of sea animals. We saw a lot of rare animals like pandas, So Mei, Devil Fishes and sea turtles. I love the pandas very much because they are cute and lovely. They are funny especially when they are eating!

There are also red pandas in the park. They have the same living habits as those of the common pandas. They are very interesting. I wanted to touch and play with them but they are protected.

Some animals in the nature are endangered. People kill them and eat them. People even use the animals' skin and fur to make their clothes. I think they are very cruel. We should eat more vegetables and less meat instead. We should not pollute the sea, so we can let fishes live in the sea healthily. People should always love the animals and protect them.

Write back soon.

Love,  
Anna





# Love Our Animals

by Lai Kwan Ki (4A)

Dear Ryan,

I went to Ocean Park to join a workshop this Easter. There were two groups in the field trip of my school. Every group had a guide who introduced to us a lot of information about animals. Our guide gave us a worksheet. We needed to find out the answers during the workshop.

First, we went to watch the Chinese alligators. According to the information provided by Ocean Park website, the number of Chinese alligators in the world was less than 150 and they could survive for 50 years more only.

Then, we went to watch the pandas. I could see two cute and fat giant pandas. I thought they were lazy because they were eating all the time during my visit. On the contrary, the red pandas were agile. I thought they like playing hide-and-seek with peers.

Lastly, the guide told us a story which was about saving sea animals. From the story, I've learnt that we should not buy coral souvenirs because we ought to save the precious ocean resources. We should not drink shark fin soup and blue fin tuna anymore because they are endangered species. I think people will not catch them if we are willing to do our best to help protect the animals and save them from danger.



Love,  
Kenny

## Love Our Animals

*by Mui Kwan Yiu (4A)*

Dear Sam,

How are you? Last Thursday, I went to Ocean Park to learn many things about some wild sea animals, such as Manta Ray, White Trip Reef Shark, Blacktrip Reef Shark, Scalloped Hammerhead Shark, Bluefin Tuna, Seahorse, Giant Grouper, Napoleon Fish, Zebra Shark, Sawfish, Horseshoe Crab, Coral Reef...etc. Some sharks swim very fast! I've also learnt something about wild Asian animals like giant pandas - I like Ying Ying and Le Le, as well as the red pandas, Cong Cong and Li Zi very much! They are very cute!

I've learnt how to protect the sea animals in our nature as well. First, we should not buy souvenirs of the sea animals because it makes more people killing them! If you really want to watch them, you can just take photos with them for appreciation. Second, we should not pollute the sea because it will be dirty and the sea animals will die! At last we should not eat shark fins, Bluefin Tuna and Napoleon Fish because they are rare! So let's tell our friends the ways to protect the animals and promote the message to the world.

Yours,  
Adrian





## Love Our Animals

by Yap Sze Yin (4A)

Dear Sally,

Today I went to Ocean Park to join a workshop with my classmates and teachers. In the workshop, we've learnt how to protect the coral reef. We also took some photos of them and bought the plastic coral reef as souvenir. We also watched the pandas. They're cute! We looked at crocodiles. I was scared of them. Then we looked at Manta Rays, Zebra Sharks, Sawfish and Horseshoe Crab. We went to a dark, deep fish tank. There were some turtles and a lot of fishes swimming happily inside. They were beautiful.

There are a great variety of animal in Ocean Park. We need to love the animals. We should not pollute the sea because there are lots of marine resources. We should not eat shark fin, Bluefin Tuna and Napoleon Wrasse because they are endangered species. We should not pick up the coral reef and catch the fish. We have to protect all the animals. We need to reduce consumption of Earth's resources, such as turning off the air-con because of the global warming, so that penguins and polar bears could have their homes and we can ski and ice-skate there.

We need to love the animals. Don't kill them!



Love,  
Nicole

**Love Our Animals**  
*by Chan King Long (4C)*

Dear Tom,

I went to Ocean Park to join a workshop about learning sea animals ecology in English yesterday. It was a rainy day but we were really excited because we could meet real seals, sea lions and jelly fish. I learned the food chain of sea lions which is especially interesting! Sea lions eat fishes. Fishes eat shrimps. Micro-organisms eat water plants. Water plants absorb the nutrition of sea lion's dead bodies. I also learned about different kinds of jelly fish. I like moon jelly fish the most. They have big "heads".

We have to protect the lovely animals in our nature. Don't throw rubbish into the sea or rivers. Don't eat endangered species. Don't destroy their homes, the sea and forest. We must treat marine resources well and plant more trees. Let's work hard together to help save the animals in nature.

Best regards,  
Roy





## Love Our Animals

by Li Chung Yin (4C)

Dear Peter,

I went to Ocean Park with my classmates last week. We went there to join a one-day workshop arranged by our English teacher. We saw many sea lions and seals at the Pacific Pier. I learnt from the staff there that sea lions and seals have ears. Oh! I have always thought that they do not have ears and cannot hear anything! That's interesting! I also learnt that they like to eat fish.

It is a pity that they find less and less food in the sea now because people do not protect our ocean. They pollute the sea and over-fish. If we want to protect marine lives, we need to use clean fuel for boats and ships. Fishermen should avoid catching small-sized fish and stop catching endangered species.

I hope all of us can try our best to protect marine lives and keep the ocean clean. Write back to me soon.

Yours,  
Melvin





## Love Our Animals

*by Yu Tzu Yin (4C)*

Dear Isaac,

How are you? During the Easter holidays, I went to a one-day workshop in Ocean Park to learn about sea animals. It was very rewarding and I would like to share what I've learnt with you.

In the sea, there are a lot of animals, such as fish, jelly fish, sturgeons, clans, crabs, dolphins, frogs and octopuses. Do you know them? They all live happily in the ocean but people always do something can do to protect them? Now let me tell you.

There are several things we can so. First, we can eat less seafood. Next, we can use less water and reuse the water to keep the sea water clean. Finally, we should stop over-fishing small fish before they grow up. On the land I think we can plant more tress because trees are natural habitat of animals like birds and insects. If we do something to save the forest, then we can save many kinds of animals. Do you want to save the animals with me? Let's take action now!

Regards,  
Claire



# Love Our Animals

by Ho Pak Yin (4D)

Dear Oscar,

How are you? During my Easter holiday, I joined a workshop in Ocean Park to learn about how to protect animals.

In sea jelly spectacular, I knew more about the different features of sea jellies. The sea jellies use their painful stings to protect themselves and they are made up of 95% water. I also learnt the life cycle of moon jellies.

In Chinese Sturgeon Aquarium, I learnt more information about Chinese Sturgeons. The shape of their body is similar to that of sharks. Also, loud noises will harm their lives. Since the Chinese Sturgeons and other animals are becoming fewer and fewer, we must take actions to protect them. Therefore, we should not catch them and factories should make sure that they don't produce any poisonous, waste. We should also be aware of their extinction face and stop killing precious but endangered species.

That was my learning experience and some insights I got in the workshop. I was happy because I have learnt a lot of things in this activity. What about you? Please write back soon.

Love,  
Matthew





**Love Our Animals**  
by Ho Hei Yu (4D)

Dear Kelly,

How are you? I would like to share my learning experience in the Ocean Park workshop last week with you.

In sea Jelly Spectacular, we were told the differences of body features of seals, sea lions, sea jellies and Chinese sturgeons. They are all living in the water. The sea jellies look like parachutes and Chinese sturgeons look like stones. In there, I also witness how trainers train sea lions to perform. After that, we learnt about their living habit, life cycle and what will harm them.

We should protect the animals by not polluting our nature. For example, we should not use too much detergent to wash the dishes or turn on the lights during daytime. What's more? It is important that we should not hurt animals just for fun.

Let's protect our Earth together!

Best wishes,  
Noel

