

# Fiction Group 1

# Judge Pao Goes For a Spin

Canadian International School of Hong Kong, Chang, Enzo - 9

One early morning, my dad was driving his favorite car on the highway and suddenly the car stopped. My dad was so surprised when he stepped out of the car and looked at the engine. His face turned from a cheery face, to a miserable face. I got out of the car to see what was going on.

"I need a new car," he said. "Let's go eat lunch and think about what to do."

We walked to lunch. My dad had an annoyed face. He had bought the car from a dealership only one year ago. After lunch, we looked on Google maps and found a dealership nearby. We went inside and saw many different kinds of cars. Soon, we found a car that was the same as my dad's broken car. A man walked up to my dad and said, "Isn't she beautiful!?" My father nodded. "Yes, but will it break down?"

The man said: "No sir, but it will cost you \$585,000."

Suddenly, we felt a burst of wind behind us. My dad turned around. "Aiyah!" he yelled.

There was a big bearded man standing right behind us.

"You are being cheated!" he said, loudly, stroking his beard.

"How did you get here?" my dad asked.

"Never mind. Let's focus on the cheating!" he answered, his voice booming.

The salesman knew who it was, and he must have talked to him before because he started trembling and said, "Sorry, Judge Pao."

Judge Pao seemed very cross. The salesman sighed, he looked like he was very nervous. He went on to the computer and printed out the price. He gave it to my dad.

"The right price is \$499,000," he said.

My dad paid for the car and the salesman handed over the keys with a shy smile. Before Judge Pao could leave, my dad said, "Thank you for helping me. You look like someone who understands honesty."

Judge Pao stroked his long beard and said, "Why yes, I do. That's why they call me during moments like this." I stared in wonder while my dad said, "Judge, it would be an honor to take you for a spin in my new car." Judge Pao looked delighted, and he laughed. "Of course, sir, let's go! Jump in!" he said.

We all got into the car and my dad started the engine. "This baby goes 150 kilometers per hour in no time," said my dad.

He made the engine roar and he sped out of the parking lot. Judge Pao threw his hat out of the window and laughed with a mighty roar.

"I haven't had this much fun since the Qing dynasty!" he yelled.

We raced around corners and through the tunnels, taking the long way home. Judge Pao stayed for dinner that night, and he and my dad became friends.

From that day on, Judge Pao and my dad spent Saturdays driving and cleaning the car

Canadian International School of Hong Kong, Fung, Scarlett – 8

"And at the end, the criminal was caught. Ah, hello! My name is Judge Pao! I was just telling the people in Kaifeng village one of my mysterious yet amazing adventures. Would you like to join? Hope that's a yes! Okay, let me start from the beginning..."

One day at the court, I was informed that an unknown thief had stolen 50 bottles of medicine from the hospital and left one of the night guards dead. My assistant and I headed to the hospital to investigate the scary crime. The first thing we noticed about the body was that the gaping wound was from the right to the left, this meant that the suspect is left—handed. Next, we asked the other night guard about the thief's appearance, and he said the thief had a short little beard, an upturned nose, and was bald. The guard fetched the man that fit this description so that we could begin the trial.

At the court, the suspect was on trial and several questions were being asked. "What is your name and what were you doing when the crime happened?" I asked him.

"My name is Wing Man and I live with my brother in Kaifeng village. I was as the restaurant eating with my friend all along, I did not do anything!" he replied strongly. We asked the owner of the restaurant about Wing Man visiting the restaurant. The owner said, "Yes! He was there! I remember because he was there for a very long time".

"Okay then, you both can go but Wing Man, please sign this form before you leave" I spoke. As Wing Man signed it, I realized he signed it with his left hand. I suddenly remembered the cut on the corpse was from right to left which meant the thief was left—handed! But why was the owner so certain he saw Wing Man at the restaurant, and why did the guard's description of the thief fit Wing Man perfectly? Then I realized why, I had to summon the brother to court to confirm my suspicion.

As soon as Wing Man's brother arrived at court, the mystery was clear now. They were twins! The owner saw one of the twins at the restaurant while the other twin committed the crime. "We confess," they cried before I could say anything. "We will tell you why we stole and killed" they both said. "The killing part was an accident, we didn't know there was a guard, when we tried to get away, we accidently killed him. We needed to steal the medicine because our poor cousin, Lam Ching was very sick and we didn't have enough money to buy medicine" Wing Man said regretfully.

"Your intention was good, but stealing is wrong. According to the law, you will be put in jail for 5 years" I boomed loudly.

# Panic in Veggie City

Canadian International School of Hong Kong, Kot, Quinlan – 7

One night in Veggie City, a bandit attacked Jose Carrot, Jack Celery and Max Spinach. The bandit bit Jose Carrot, Jack Celery and Max Spinach.

Jose Carrot, Jack Celery and Max Spinach went to Sheriff Michael's house for help and they all shouted, "that bandit must be stopped because he will eat us!".

Then Sherriff Michael grabbed his lasso and went to find the bandit. He looked around in Veggie City. First, he saw Sly Slug. Sly Slug was polishing his only boot. "Sly Slug makes small holes. They don't look like the bite marks." thought Sherriff Michael.

When Sherriff Michael was heading back, he saw two celery bites, one carrot bite and two spinach bites on the ground. He followed the bites leading him to a house named Rabbitto. The 3 rabbit brothers lived there. The brothers introduced themselves. "Hello! I'm Aldo" said Aldo. "I'm Jo" said Jo. "I'm Zozo" said Zozo.

Sherriff Michael asked the rabbit brothers "what were you guys doing last night?" The brothers laughed. "I was fast asleep" said Aldo. "Me too" said Jo. "Me too" said Zozo.

Sherriff Michael already knew it was Zozo because Zozo only had one tooth. It matched with the bite marks on the ground. "Zozo you are under arrest!" shouted Sherriff Michael. "Yes, it was me but you'll never catch me" said Zozo. Then he hopped as fast as his legs could carry him. Sherriff Michael grabbed his lasso to catch him but Zozo already disappeared.

Jose Carrot, Jack Celery, Max Spinach and Sherriff Michael phoned Justice Pao for help. Justice Pao came to meet them. They heard rabbit noises from the North East. They followed the noises and arrived at the park. Justice Pao found some clues. "He is heading to the park where he could hide inside the bushes" said Justice Pao when they got there. They saw carrot bites everywhere. "Zozo love to eat carrots" said Justice Pao.

Then, Justice Pao had a plan. He told Sherriff Michael to buy forty three carrots and put them on the road. The carrots trail led to the jail.

Zozo smelled the carrots. He went outside and found many carrots. He felt hungry and ate the carrots. When Zozo finished the last carrot, he found himself in the jail. Justice Pao locked up Zozo in the jail.

"Problem solved. Thank you Justice Pao!" said Sherriff Michael.

# The Magical Museum

Canadian International School of Hong Kong, Lui, Ching Yin Devon – 8

I leaned against the cold glass to peer at the vibrant robes embroidered with gold thread and pearls. The tiny writing on the panel caught my attention. I wiggled my way through the crowd and when I finally gripped the railing to read it, I felt a small gust of wind tugging my hair. Soon, I was playing tug of war with the wind which grew stronger by the second. I searched for help but I was too tiny for anyone to notice me. I tumbled into a flashing and swirling wormhole. Fuzzy images of a man with dark skin and a crescent—shaped scar on his forehead zipped past. Everything was topsy—turvy.

Thud. Thud. I opened my eyes to a man dressed in shiny armour who was beating me with a stick. Surprisingly, I felt no pain! I had never seen people dressing so strangely! Where am I?

A familiar stern—looking old man yelled in fury, "Beat this cunning rock until it confesses why it stole the boy's hard—earned money!" A tear—streaked young boy whimpered sadly as he clutched his basket of fried breadsticks. I tried to explain that I did not steal but I was speechless. My body felt stiff and cramped as if I were trapped in a box. Oh! I am the rock! That man must have gone cuckoo! Who would think a rock could move, let alone steal money?

Many people stopped to laugh at him. Even the crying boy smiled. However, the old man did not flinch and ordered his men to beat harder. I was petrified. Would I stay here forever? He whispered in a soldier's ear. They came back with basins of water.

I racked my brain to recall who the man was. It was then that I remembered I was at the Judge Pao exhibition and his portrait was hung at the exit. No wonder I had seen him before! His deep voice rumbled, "I know we all pity the boy for losing money which he uses to buy his mother's medicine. I urge you to drop a coin in the basins to support him through this difficult time."

Everyone eagerly placed their coins. When a suspicious man with twitching lips dropped in his, oil droplets appeared and formed a layer on the water. "Seize him!" Judge Pao thundered. No one understood him until he showed the bowl to the crowd. I finally realized that the rock beating was just to attract attention so that he could lure the crowd in and test whether their coins were drenched in the oil of the breadsticks. What a deviously clever man!

Whoosh! I felt as light as a cloud and was sucked back into the wormhole. "Rock!" I heard my mom shout, "We have been looking for you. Turns out you've dozed off here! Let's leave before the museum closes." As I walked out, I turned around to see the portrait of Judge Pao winking at me. I would never forget this adventure!

# The Missing Horse

Canadian International School of Hong Kong, Rumjahn, Sheldon – 8

Judge Pao was an official judge in China and worked for the emperor. He had very dark skin.

One day, he heard a neighing sound and he said to his guard, "Bring me over to that yard, I want to see how our horse is doing!"

Pink cherry blossoms blew off the tree and landed on Judge Pao's head. Sunlight shined on the crescent moon birthmark on his forehead. It was getting dark and Judge Pao was sleepy, so they decided to head back to the palace.

Meanwhile, someone named Fang was waiting behind the bushes. As soon as Judge Pao left, Fang looked at the guards and said, "You two should get some rest. I will help you guard!" They bowed and left.

Fang silently cackled, ready for step two. In the garden was a beautiful white horse. It had a red and golden saddle with a dragon printed on top of the smooth shiny metal. Fang walked over to the horse and untied it from the big tall oak tree. He quickly jumped onto it and galloped away.

On the other side of the garden, there was a gardener named Ai, who had seen everything.

The next day, Ai reported to Judge Pao that Fang stole his family's horse.

Judge Pao said to his bodyguards Zhan Zhao, Wang Chao, Ma Han, Zhang Long, and Zhao Hu, "Go search for footprints in the garden and trace them down on this piece of paper, and send in Fang!"

After a while, Zhan brought in Fang, and Fang bowed to Judge Pao.

Judge Pao shouted at Fang, "Did you steal the horse!?"

Fang insisted he did not steal the horse, Ai said Fang did steal the horse. They argued and argued until Judge Pao yelled "STOP!"

Both of them were quiet.

Judge Pao declared, "I will figure this case out and see who is the thief. First, Fang, I need one of your shoes. Now."

Fang took off his shoes. Judge Pao stroked his beard and then traced the shoeprint down on a long strip of paper.

Suddenly, Zhan Zhao came back with footprints from the garden. Judge Pao inspected each footprint. Then, he announced, "I figured out the case. The person who is guilty is... Fang!!! Fang stole the horse because his heel had a print of a sun and it matched the print Zhao brought back."

Fang collapsed onto the floor and cried like a river. He even flooded the room with tears. He sobbed and said, "Sorry, I did it!" Then, he waited for his punishment.

Judge Pao ordered the guards to whip Fang 100 times. Then, he told Wang Cao and Ma Han, to go search for the horse and bring it back. He also announced that Fang could not leave his house for three years.

Fang cried even harder. Then Judge Pao let everybody out. Ai bowed at Judge Pao and left. Judge Pao had a glimmering smile on his face. He solved a case.

# Judge Pao: The Case of the Missing Jade

Canadian International School of Hong Kong, Wang, Tracy - 7

In a small village called Xihuang, farmers from all over would come and sell their products at the market. Farmer Lin was one of these people. At dawn each day, they would load up their carts and make their way to the market. The separation between the rich and the poor was obvious. The rich would live in extravagant homes, whilst the poor had to work day—and—night.

One morning, Lin was making his way to the market to sell his vegetables. He was taking his daily route through the back alleys of farms and people's homes. However, he discovered that one of the homes crumbled down, blocking his way. He needed to find a different way. Along this path, something glistened in the corner of his eye. It was a green and white jade snake. He put the magnificent piece in his pocket and continued to the market.

Many people were waiting for Lin to arrive. He was very popular amongst the people. His prices were fair and his vegetables were fresh. By noon, Lin had sold most of his vegetables. As he packed up, he heard a man shouting. Even from a distance Lin could hear his words clearly, "WHO STOLE MY JADE?" A strong warrior came running into the market, his face was red with anger. Lin froze. At that moment, he knew he was in possession of the man's jade. Lin approached him, "Excuse me, I couldn't help but overhear you, I was on my way here when I found your jade on the street. "IT WAS YOU!" shouted Bo Qi. "I will have you arrested." Lin was dragged to the home of Judge Pao, a famous politician who fought crime and defended the poor. Qi demanded that Lin be held accountable for stealing his family's heirloom.

Judge Pao decided to rule on the case. He knew Lin was well—known within the community for always offering his help to anyone in need. Any vegetables that he didn't sell at the market, he would give to the poor. He was kind—hearted, honest, and a true friend to those in his community. Alternatively, the warrior, was a cold, ruthless, and boastful man. He would brag about his wealth and never batted an eye to people beneath him. Due to his reputation, he was very disliked by many. Judge Pao listened to Lin's story and was ready to give his ruling. "I believe that Farmer Lin is innocent. First, if it were not for the crumbling house, he would never have come across the jade in the first place. Second, Lin has always been helpful to everyone in the village, he does not have the heart to steal something from anyone. Lastly, Lin returned the jade snake to you, Bo Qi, why would he do that if he wanted to keep it?" Bo Qi stared blankly at Judge Pao; he was speechless. To his dismay, Judge Pao proved Lin was innocent.

# New Tales of Judge Pao

Canadian International School of Hong Kong, Wong, Nellie – 8

One beautiful day, Judge Pao was walking along the streets of China, looking at the clear blue sky. What a nice day for nothing! he thought. As he walked past a poet reading a poem out loud to himself, Judge Pao suddenly remembered that he had to read a poem to the King and Queen at the palace with his friend Alicia Choy! Judge Pao started sweating because the King hated people being late. He ran to Alicia's house to tell her they had to go, but when he got there, the door was open and nobody was there. "Alicia! Alicia? Can you hear me?" he half-shouted, halfasked, but nobody answered. Instead, Judge Pao only heard Alicia's pet cricket Gem chirping. "Oh no!" he whispered, "I am late for the poem recital and Alicia is missing! I have to get to the bottom of this!" He closed his eyes, took a deep breath and sighed. Why do I have to solve a mystery on such a beautiful day? he asked himself. Then, he sighed again and hurried to find her and some clues. First, he went to ask a neighbor if anything particular happened in Alicia's house. The neighbor told him she had heard screams a few hours ago. Judge Pao thanked her, then went back in the house to investigate more. He went to see if Alicia's money was still in her safe, but alas, it was all gone. All her jewels were also gone, but her most valuable possession, the Chinese Hope Diamond was there. Weird! thought Judge Pao. Since he wanted to see if it was real, he gently touched it. Legend is that if you have a good soul, the Chinese Hope Diamond shines really bright. It didn't do anything. Suddenly, Judge Pao realized that it was fake. He thought a cup of green tea would clear his mind, so he walked to the teahouse, ordered some green tea and thought deep and hard. Just then, he remembered he still had not searched the basement. He paid and hurriedly ran back to Alicia's house. Slowly and carefully, Judge Pao went in and slowly descended down the steps of the dark, dank and creepy basement. He heard muffled shouting and cautiously opened the door. There, he saw Alicia, tied by ropes and struggling. Two thieves stood with their backs facing to him, taunting Alicia. Judge Pao ran upstairs, took a heavy book from the bookshelf, ran back down, opened the door quietly and hit the thieves until they fainted. Then, he used rope to tie them up, untied Alicia, put everything that was stolen back and handed the unconscious crooks to the police. He then turned to Alicia and said "Let's go! We have got a poem to read!" And they took off.

# The Crystal of Peace

Creative Primary School, Chan, Hei Yuet, Sybil – 8

In the year 1057, a Chinese young man called Mr. Pao lived and worked in a small rural village near the Great Wall of China. People called him Judge Pao. He solved many problems for his people.

One day, a man called Mr. Yiu hit Judge Pao's drum outside his hut which was used as a bell to let Judge Pao know someone was seeking for help. Mr. Yiu hit the drum three times and shouted, "Help! The Crystal of Peace is missing!"

Judge Pao let Mr. Yiu enter his hut and he began to tell his story. "On my way to work this morning, I found the Crystal of Peace has disappeared. There was only a sprinkled blue glitter trail left."

Judge Pao knew nothing about the Crystal of Peace as he worked in the village for not too long. Mr. Yiu explained. "It is a giant blue crystal that the villagers believe would bring them peace and safety. Without it, people will feel worried and scared. The village will go into havoc."

Judge Pao and Mr. Yiu went to the place where the crystal had been placed. There were blue glitters just as Mr. Yiu had described. Judge Pao also noticed an unclear map on the ground with an arrow pointing to the north of Great Wall. Judge Pao thought it might be a hint to what happened to the crystal.

They followed the map and started their journey to the nearest entry of the Great Wall. On their way towards the Great Wall, there were mysterious letters inside each beacon tower. The saw "N" on the wall of the first beacon tower and then "O" in the next. Judge Pao studied the letters he had written down in his notebook, which spelt out "D...O...E...N...E...D...N...T".

"What could these letters mean?" Judge Pao whispered quietly, "Neednodt...dotneend... dontneed...Don't Need?"

Mr. Yiu asked, "Don't need what?"

Judge Pao did not say a word and continued to be quiet and deep in his thoughts.

Mr. Yiu said, "I don't know what we don't need but we surely need the crystal."

Suddenly, Judge Pao cried, "You've got it! The Crystal! Don't need the Crystal!"

Mr Yiu could not believe it and said; "Nononono... we need the crystal to bring peace to the village!"

Judge Pao responded, "It's a message from God. The people have relied too much on the crystal. People thought the village was peaceful because of the crystal but it is not the case. Kind—hearted and caring people bring the village to peace and safety instead. If every person is kind—hearted and patient to each other, there will only be peace and safety surrounding us. The crystal has completed its duties and therefore the God took it back."

Mr. Yiu nodded. He agreed with Judge Pao. Then, they left the Great Wall and brought the message from God to the villagers.

"The God has taken back the crystal because they had sent Judge Pao here." someone shouted. Everyone smiled.

# Judge Pao and the Magic Goose

Creative Primary School, Lam, Chun Yin, Olin – 8

One day, I was sleeping and suddenly I felt I had wings to fly around. When I was happily taking flight, I saw a crowd of people near the ground. So, I watched from a nearby tree.

Wow! That's Judge Pao!

He was a famous and wise minster in earlier Song Dynasty. He was a straightforward and upright official and was also very wise. His skin was dark and wore a white moon—shaped figure upon his forehead. It was this moon that seemed to give him infinite wisdom and power. Pao was destined to be an unforgettable historical figure.

Just when I was wondering about Pao, the sounds of a young man and a villager quarrelling over a large white goose distracted me. They were cursing while walking to Judge Pao's studio.

I wandered into Pao's studio. While flipping through Pao's case files, I peeked out and saw that it said 1039 year and the words, "Zaoyang Government Department." Oh my, I actually traveled through time and became a bird!

Suddenly I heard the young man say, "Judge Pao, I live at the east gate. In the morning, I take rice to the front door to feed the geese. This hillbilly took advantage of the time when I was feeding, stole my big white goose, and refused to return it to me. The villager's angry swollen red face spoke, "Judge, I purchased this goose from the countryside, I did not sell it to him and now he is accusing me of robbing the goose."

Judge Pao thought for a moment. If there are no witnesses, then, let the goose speak for itself. He ordered the soldier to bring a sheet of white paper, put the goose on it, and cover it with a large basket.

After a while, everyone heard the sound of the goose swinging it's wings inside. Judge Pao ordered the soldier to open the basket and see what the goose had written on the paper. The soldier opened it and helplessly replied, "Judge, the goose did not write any words."

Judge Pao shook his head and said, "You work with me for countless years. How can you be careless! Bring the droppings to me for a closer look." The soldier covered his nose and picked up the greenish droppings to show the Judge Pao. The Judge looked at it and knew the results.

Moments after, he said to the villager, "This goose says you are its owner, and you can take it away." Then continue to the young man and said, "How dare you deceive me! We all know that the villager fed grass to the goose, so the goose's feces is green. However, you said you fed the goose rice. If that were to be the case, the goose's droppings should have been yellow. Check yourself, what colour is the goose's droppings? Now, you will be punished and sentenced to jail!

Soon I was awakened by my mother's voice, "Olin! Wake up! It's time for school!"

# The Curious Case of a Furry Friend

Creative Primary School, Lo, Chun Yiu Rex - 8

Once upon a time there was a fisherman who lived in a remote village near the Yellow River of Gansu province, China. His name was Pang Wen Wen. He was an agreeable man. He always wore a smile on his face. Although he was impoverished, he enjoyed living with his beloved dog named Bao Bao. They were best friends and they were inseparable.

On a scorching summer day, Pang Wen Wen was taking a nap with Bao Bao after a day of hard work. When he woke up, Bao Bao was nowhere to be seen. He searched high and low for it, but the long search was to no avail. He bawled his eyes out until his neighbours came. They advised him to go to Judge Pao as he was wisest and the most respected judge in the country.

Without thinking twice, Pang Wen Wen rushed to Judge Pao's court. When he got to the court, he saw hope. After giving a detailed account of the mishap, Judge Pao promised to solve the mystery. Learning that Pang Wen Wen only saw his neighbour, Chen Yong, picking flowers before he dozed off, Judge Pao commanded his assistant Zhan Zhao to bring Chen Yong to the court for questioning.

Chen Yong looked uneasy and scared. Judge Pao noticed there was white fuzz upon his shoes. He asked him where he got that from. "It's the white petals that came off dandelions. There are many dandelions in the fields," he stammered. Judge Pao turned to Pang Wen Wen and demanded, "Can you describe your dog to me?" "Bao Bao is a tiny dog covered with a long, straight, and silky coat." Pang Wen Wen answered promptly. Judge Pao asked Zhan Zhao to pick up the white fuzz from Chen Yong's shoes. "You kidnapped Bao Bao, didn't you?" Judge Pao thundered. "No, your honour, that's impossible!" Chen Yong contended. Judge Pao showed him the hair from his shoes. It's long, straight, and silky. "Behold, it looks nothing like the dandelion. It's from Bao Bao!" rebuked Judge Pao. Instantaneously, Chen Yong realized his lies were exposed. He could not argue anymore.

Chen Yong burst into tears and knelt down. He told Judge Pao that he was lonely and he was fond of Bao Bao and thus, he wanted to have it to himself. He asked for forgiveness from Judge Pao and Pan Wen Wen.

Judge Pao said," Pan Wen Wen, it's up to you to decide Chen Yong's fate. Do you want to put him into jail or forgive him?" Without hesitation, Pan Wen Wen forgave Chen Yong. He adhered to the Chinese culture that kindness is powerful. He even suggested that he was willing to become Chen Yong's first friend.

Judge Pao reprimanded Chen Yong for being dishonest and told him not to repeat his mistake again.

After the trial, Pan Wen Wen and Bao Bao lived happily ever after. Once again, Pao solved another mystery and brought peace to the lands of China.

# The Rainbow Ring

Creative Primary School, Lo, Ying Lam Georgia – 8

A long long time ago, there was a kind hearted man who lived in a faraway village in China. His name was Cheng Hai Wen. Although he was very wealthy, he was extremely generous. He lived with his wife and two small children in a gorgeous gigantic mansion. The house was full of precious items. The most valuable treasure he had was a rainbow ring. The rainbow ring had magical powers. It shot out a sparkling beam just like a rainbow.

On a stormy night, his son, was sleeping when a loud noise woke him up. He saw a creepy shadow run out of the house. Frightened, he rushed to tell his parents regarding what had happened. They went to check their treasure chest where they put all the valuables. To their horror, the rainbow ring disappeared. They were petrified.

They immediately knew who could help them - the omnipotent Judge Pao.

Judge Pao was a government official who was loved and respected. Once he solved a case involving the princess's husband. The prince was found guilty because he wanted to murder his first wife to cover up his past. Judge Pao chopped his head off without mercy. If anyone was in trouble, they would go to Judge Pao for the best solution.

The Cheng's frantically told Judge Pao regarding the incident of the missing rainbow ring. Judge Pao had a plan, and he was determined to crack the case.

Judge Pao ordered all the villagers to gather in the court. He asked his sidekick Zhan Zhao to collect the spectators' jewellery and put it into a huge basket. Judge Pao had a unique ability of reading people's mind. "Who is the perpetrator?" he mused. Then he started going from person to person, trying to find clues. He noticed a man who looked intense standing with clenched fists.

"Pick out the item you own from the basket," Judge Pao said. Looking fraught, the man obeyed. "It's just a worthless necklace I got it from my mom," he explained. Judge Pao examined the pendant closely. He instructed Zhan Zhao to fetch a bucket of water and tossed the necklace into it. Other villagers were intrigued, so they gathered around the bucket to see what was the intention of such an unusual act. The water was gradually turning muddy. "Fetch out the necklace now!" ordered Judge Pao. The black pendant now was a beautiful ring. "You coated the rainbow ring with soil and passed it off as a plain looking pendant!" Judge Pao snapped.

The culprit was Zheng Hei. He was a greedy man who was disliked by others. He authorized Zhan Zhao to arrest him right away.

Zheng Hei begged Judge Pao for forgiveness. He promised to never commit another crime ever again. As a believer of second chances, Judge Pao decided to give him another chance and let him go with a warning. The village was back to its peace and everyone was grateful to Judge Pao for his service.

Diocesan Preparatory School, Chan, Chun Sum Samuel – 8

One day, during a lesson in Shanghai Elementary School, Jack Li groaned, "When will rest time start?" "Yeah," agreed Bo Shi. "I can't wait to go to the tuck shop to buy some fries."

Miss Chang said, "Class, let's continue the story 'The Class Pet'."

Mark James' ears pricked up since he adored that book very much. Miss Chang finished the story. Then when she was about to leave the classroom, she remembered something. "Class, you will have a class pet tomorrow!"

The next day, everyone was extremely excited. Everyone was speaking about their new class pet.

One student guessed, "I think it's a parrot!"

Another said, "I love pets!"

Time flashed. Soon, Miss Chang walked into the classroom. "Meet... Hammy the Hamster!" she said cheerfully as she held up Hammy, who was in a cage. I bought this pet since all of you got high marks in the dictation!"

Days passed by. Every day was mostly the same except that the students mainly concentrated on the hamster instead of the teacher, so they did not do well in their work.

Jack was usually the first to arrive at the classroom. One day, he handed in his homework and turned to look at Hammy. But he wasn't anywhere in sight. He did not see Miss Chang as well! Samuel Chan suggested to seek help from Judge Pao, China's Sherlock Holmes.

The famous Judge Pao came and first interviewed the kids, who said that the thief was probably a grown—up since Samuel had an extra lesson and there were no other children in sight. The judge then interviewed the grown—ups. Meanwhile, the pupils chatted. Soon, Judge Pao came back. He said sternly, "I must be staying here until your teacher comes back." All of the pupils did not have a good feeling about this.

Soon, Miss Chang arrived. Judge Pao immediately said, "I interviewed all the teachers and Mister Nekobi, the janitor just now. The teachers said only you and Mister Nekobi have the keys to this door. The art teacher said he was cleaning up since another janitor was absent. That means you are the one who did it, ma'am. Where is the class pet?" Miss Chang explained, "Yesterday was my mom's birthday. I took the hamster home to celebrate with her. If you do not know, Hammy lives in my home at night, he's mine!" Judge Pao looked at the kids, who were embarrassed. Miss Chang smiled warmly. "It's okay," she said.

"If it wasn't you, we wouldn't have had such fun!" grinned Samuel Chan.

"Don't mention it," replied Judge Pao.

Miss Chang's class had dinner with Judge Pao.

"How can we ever thank you for helping us solve a mystery!" said Miss Chang.

Judge Pao shook his head. "You already thanked me by making us all happy! It's the best thing ever!"

Diocesan Preparatory School, Hui, To Ching Annelise – 8

A long long time ago, there lived a man named Judge Pao.

One day, when Judge Pao was about to take a break from his long tiring day of work, a young boy ran into the room. He was Xu Hung and he needed Judge Pao's help. Judge Pao asked, "How can I help you?"

Xu Hung exclaimed, "Please help my family by using your amazing skills of judgment!" Judge Pao did not understand. So, the young boy tried to explain over and over again until Judge Pao began to have a headache.

"Show me instead of telling me!" he exclaimed. Judge Pao followed Xu Hung down the narrow street and up the slope. Finally, they reached Xu Hung's home.

When his family saw Judge Pao, Xu Hung's father hissed, "How dare you bring the judge here!" Then he threw both Judge Pao and Xu Hung out of the house. Judge Pao was outraged.

"We should try again tomorrow," Judge Pao sighed.

The next day, Judge Pao and Xu Hung waited for the door to open. When Judge Pao met the family and he immediately understood what Xu means. The family was horrible as his father thought that only the strongest man can judge who is right and who is wrong, and can rule everything. The father, who was the strongest said, "I want to challenge you for three tests. The first challenge is about strength, the second one is about wisdom and the third one is problem solving. Let's see who wins. Do you accept?" With a nod from Judge Pao, they began.

The first challenge was won by the father whose strength was amazing. The second challenge was a spelling competition, and Judge Pao won. Now both Judge Pao and the father were at tie with one mark each. Judge Pao gave two passing man some gold. He explained the situation to them and asked them to help for the last test. They agreed to do the test on the next day.

The next day, these two men came. They started the test, "We both think that this cloth belongs to us. Can you please help us decide whom it belongs to?" Judge Bao had an idea immediately. He smelled the cloth, then smelled the men. He knew the answer!

The father and Judge Pao gave their answer and the young men said, "Judge Pao is the winner!" The father turned to Judge Pao and asked, "How did you know?"

Judge Pao answered, "I could smell the scent of one of the men from the cloth. This cloth is expensive, and the owner must have kept it close to him every day. That's why it must have the scent of the owner!"

The father gave him a bitter smile and said, "I am sorry for what I have done. Please accept my humble apologies."

This story tells us that not only strength is powerful, wisdom can also do the same.

ESF Bradbury School, Brar, Niesha – 7

Many years ago there was a village called Sunshine Village. In Sunshine Village there were lots of beautiful trees with fresh green leaves. Cows, sheep and horses are always munching merrily on the grass. Villagers there are honest, kind and hardworking. During the day, they were walking in Sunshine Village doing their own things happily with the golden sun shinning down on them.

One day the villagers noticed the trees in the village were getting fewer and fewer. It looked like the trees were being cut down by someone. The villagers were worried and frustrated so they submitted a complaint letter to Judge Pao, who lived nearby. Judge Pao was a fair and clever judge who solved many different issues. After he read the complaint letter, he thought for a moment and he slipped the letter into his pocket. Pao then sat on his chair wondering how he could save Sunshine Village. Suddenly he came up with an idea! He grabbed the writing brush and wrote a reply to the villagers in Sunshine Village. It read;

#### Dear villagers,

I have read your letter of complaint and I would take this matter seriously. Besides, I would like to take this opportunity to request everyone in Sunshine Village to attend my birthday party which will be held at my home two days later. I hope to see you all there.

Judge Pao

On the day of Judge Pao's party, everyone in the village went to Pao's house except one of the villagers, Bin, claiming he was sick and he could not attend the party. Judge Pao became suspicious. He sent his people to secretly hide in Sunshine Village and watched out for Bin, while Pao and the villagers were at the party dancing, singing, doing everything they could to enjoy themselves.

Meanwhile in Sunshine Village, Bin of course didn't know Judge Pao's people were hiding in the village. "It's the perfect time to cut down some trees." Bin muttered under his breath. He carried an axe and left home as sneaky as a mouse and tiptoed towards the trees. When he spotted a beautiful tree, he lifted the axe with two hands and swung it towards the tree. Before the axe hit the tree, Bin felt someone hold him back and yelled "Stop!". It was Pao's people. They all jumped out from the bushes and captured Bin. They tied Bin up and brought him to Judge Pao in no time. Pao was told by his people about what happened in Sunshine Village. "Why did you cut the trees?" He asked Bin angrily. Bin cried and replied "It's because I wanted to become famous by building the biggest wooden house in the world." After that Judge Pao sent Bin to jail. The next day, Pao and the villagers planted more trees in the village to make it beautiful again.

# Judge Pao & the Fire Dragon

ESF Bradbury School, Leong, Nara - 7

Once upon a time there lived a hero called Pao. Judge Pao was a kind and great friend. He was the judge of superheroes. So his name was Judge Pao. He lived in a big grey castle, which had some sparkles on it. His castle was near a looming mountain filled with vast and luscious bushes and trees. The special thing about it was that the trees had berries that tasted delicious. They were beautiful red.

So one day he went to his grandma's house, because she wanted to see him. He walked past the looming mountain. He brought warm chocolate drinks and some fresh delicious cupcakes with strawberries on top.

He walked past the forest. But while he was walking something strange happened. He had never seen the darkest cave in his whole life! He was brave and went inside!

When Judge Pao went inside. It was dark. It was so dark that his eyes were scared. While he was inside the cave a white cloud was near him!

A dragon popped out of the cloud!

Judge Pao said, "What are you doing?"

The dragon said, "I'm going to eat you up!"

Judge Pao was scared. The dragon gave a big roar! Rooaarr! The dragon blew hot gold fire! But before the dragon blew fire Judge Pao was on the dragon's back! Luckily Judge Pao felt something in his pocket. It was a basket of water he poured it on the dragon's power on his back. He called his team to help him. They came in a big truck filled with many buckets with water inside the buckets. They poured and poured. Until the dragon was dead. He landed right on the floor.

Finally Judge Pao and his team were reunited and made it to grandma's house. They all drank warm chocolate drinks, ate food and they even watched PJ Masks. PJ Masks were superheroes. They even sang a song.

# The Missing Stash

ESF Kennedy School, Durham, Jonathan – 6

Once upon a time in Hong Kong, there was a little village with small houses and narrow roads. In the little village was a huge office. A greedy and wealthy mayor named Sith worked there. He was a very tall man who always wore a silver bow tie. Despite his wealth, he didn't put his money in the bank because he thought his money was safest in a massive container beside his desk. Sith thought he was very clever. However, he had no friends.

One boiling Summer day, Sith realized his money had disappeared! He screamed and stamped his feet. He was still screaming when he ran to see Judge Kaly Pao, who was the most brilliant judge in the world. She was the great—great—great—great—great—great—great grand—daughter of Justice Pao who lived one thousand years ago in China. He was very clever, fair, and solved many crimes. Not only that, he decided what consequences the criminals should receive. Justice Pao was known for a crescent moon—shaped mark on his forehead. Amazingly, Judge Kaly Pao also had that same mark on her forehead. She worked in an even bigger office next door to Sith's. He told her what happened. "How could someone have stolen my money even though I kept a ginormous lock on my container? Also, I hid the key in my desk."

"Maybe the thief found the key there," commented Judge Pao sternly. "Talk to the villagers, and find out if someone has suddenly become very rich. Perhaps the thief is a foolish show—off."

So, Sith and Judge Pao took a stroll. Soon, they noticed that people were commenting on someone who had suddenly bought a new house and car. His name was Miles, and Sith knew he was not rich.

Judge Pao and Sith were approaching Miles's house when they saw him walking out. When Miles noticed them, he froze, gasped, and then ran away. Sith and Judge Pao chased him. They ran up rocky hills and passed many shops and towering trees. When they finally caught up with Miles, they were exhausted and sweaty.

"Why did you run away?" panted Sith.

"Did you do something wrong?" Judge Pao demanded furiously.

"Y-Yes," stammered Miles, terrified as he stared at Judge Pao's crescent shaped birthmark. So, Sith called the police, who questioned Miles. He admitted that he was the one who stole Sith's money.

Judge Pao announced that Miles had to pay back the money he stole from Sith, which was nine million dollars. He also had to go to prison for five years.

Sith was delighted when he got his money back. However, Judge Pao advised him, "First, you should put your money in the bank to keep it safe. Second, you should keep important keys in very secret places. And last, don't just hide your wealth...You should use it to help others." After that, Sith used his money to help lots of people. Consequently, he started to make friends. And Judge Pao continued to fight for justice.

# Hello you are funny

ESF Kennedy School, Eber, Thomas – 6

Who are you exactly? Hmmm & wait! Are you a ghost?

"Of course I am". "I mean, of course I am....."

"In that case, I'd better run 2 \*\* Sprinting sounds\*

"Ok, attack that ghost please police" \*Wee wah sounds\* 🚓

"Silly you, you have a jet car. You need a police car, now get into your police car"

"Surrender ghost, put your hands in the air and wave them around like you just don't care. Snap out of it ghost and get to the story. Now get in the car, we've got funny videos to watch and stuff"

"this is your prison, whatever you want just ask me. This is a future house. Now have a dance party. Doop dee dee"

\*Now in a farm, far far away\*

"mooooooo" "neighhhh" "Cow, horse, stop fighting." "baaaaaaa" "why is a ghost pretending to be a sheep?"

"I don't care, I just need to run. Ah it's a ghost! Wearing a chicken hat!"

"Wait, that's a bit funny, so long sucker ghost! Uh oh, I have to run. Ha ha super funny"

"Wait, super funny? Doop dee doo, I'm waving my arms and bottom like I don't care. Now I will destroy everything"

\*Everything is destroyed\*

"Muahahahaha. Wait, I did not say that. The ghost said that! Police attack him! I attacked him. Now what do you want?"

# The Servant Boy

ESF Kennedy School, Fung, Lachlan – 7

Ni hao! My name is Xiao Tang. I am seven years old and I have been working as Justice Pao's housekeeper for a year. I work and live in his big, old house in China's Kaifeng City. My family and friends are very proud of me for working for a high ranking judge. I also think working for Justice Pao is an important job. Did you know, that Justice Pao smiles when he gets a cup of hot green tea and a book before bedtime?

One brutal winter night, I was asked to bring the red law book and a cup of tea to Justice's room. I rummaged through the library and could not find his book. I grew worried because his house is heavily guarded and things should not be lost. I rushed to tell Justice Pao that his red law book is missing.

"Let me go to find it with you." Justice Pao said calmly.

Since his royal guards were already sleeping, I accompanied him on the search. I felt really excited to be his partner in solving a mystery. We went straight to the library.

"Look! This looks like a page from my red law book." said Justice Pao as he bent down to pick up a piece of paper from the floor. There was a short pause as I looked the other way and spotted a small pouch near the doorsill.

"Justice Pao, I recognise this silver pouch with a red silk bow." I said confidently.

I picked up the pouch and passed it to Justice Pao's hands with both hands.

"Chief Chen Lin!" he frowned with narrowed eyes.

The next day, I returned to cleaning the rooms and the library and heard that Justice Pao has asked the royal guards to take Chief Lin to court. Chief Lin confessed that he burnt the book because he did not want Justice Pao to solve the case about the missing Prince. Chief Lin was found guilty for secretly hiding the Emperor's Prince. The rest is history.

As for me, the servant boy, I continued to work for Justice Pao for the next forty—one years. For my help in solving the mystery of the missing Prince, he gave me the special permission to read in his library. I grew up to become one of the royal guards in Kaifeng City.

# Journey to the South

ESF Kennedy School, Siu, Wing Tung Elodie - 5

Once upon a time there was a spy called Judge Pao. He was very brave, and he always tried his best at everything he does. But one day Judge Pao must fly to Korea to study to become a better spy, so that he can compete in the Spy—lympics, but when Judge Pao arrived in Korea, he was very surprised by what he saw. Korea was colder and more mountainous and quieter than he expected but Judge Pao made himself at home anyway.

While studying in Korea things seemed to get worse. Judge Pao started to feel a bit lonely because it was getting closer to winter so everyone decided to stay home, so he had nobody to hang out with. Judge Pao was also told by his teacher, called teacher Francisco to stay inside because there was going to be a snowstorm in the afternoon. Since the afternoon was rather dull, after the snowstorm cleared, Judge pao decided to go on an adventure to Egypt because he heard his friends Marco, Victoria and Elena talk about the pyramids.

On the way, rampaging animals ATTACK so Judge Pao decides to go somewhere peaceful like China instead. While he was headed to South China things seemed to get worse. Angry spirits attack because they once got shot by a group of boys called the Bad Guys, so they thought Judge Pao would hurt them. Judge Pao was feeling scared because he had left his supplies in the airport in Korea.

Luckily, he a group called G.S.S. that stands for Great Super Spies, arrive just in time. They called themselves that because they travel around the world and help people in need. G.S.S. distracted the spirit animals with a trail of food to lead them away and Judge Pao quickly ran for cover. After the spirit animals were gone, G.S.S. agreed to lend Judge Pao a boat and supplies to sail home. Judge Pao felt happy and relieved that he was finally safe and going home.

Finally, Judge Pao safely arrived back in Korea but guess what? He doesn't need to study because he completed the task to become a better spy so Judge Pao flew back home to Hong Kong. In the end Judge Pao chose not to go to the Spy—lympics because the adventure he just went on would be the same task for the Spy—lympics. Instead Judge Pao decided to become a writer and write different books about his adventures around the world and guess what, he became famous from the books he wrote. And this is the story of a brave spy from Hong Kong and the moral of this story is that no matter what, always try your best.

ESF Quarry Bay School, Dhar, Vedhika – 7

In the 1820s there was a small village called Shang Chai near the city of Yang Shou in China. It was a beautiful village with greenery all around. The people were hard—working, and the farmers worked hard day and night to earn their livelihood.

Judge Pao was Mayor of Shang Chai. One day, a very rich man of the village named Mr Chan Yee (Mr. Chan) came along intending to snatch away the land of the farmers. He came with a lot of workers, construction materials such as bricks, shovels, helmets, sand, tools, measuring tapes and bulldozers. Farmers of the village felt very sad and upset about it. They were very worried about their crops and livelihood. They thought there is no way they can get food to eat now and feed their families, so they came together to discuss their problem. After a lot of discussion, one of them suggested that they should approach Judge Pao. They thought that Judge Pao was very powerful, and he can help the farmers. His office was in City Court. They all decided to go to the City Court together and discuss their difficulties with him. They took an appointment from his assistant, Ms Yao Shi in the City Court. Then all the farmers met Judge Pao on the day of an appointment and told him about their difficulties. Judge Pao was very surprised and angry when he came to know about this. He ordered Mr Chan to come to his office and see him. Mr Chan got afraid, but he couldn't disobey Judge Pao's order and came on the day of an appointment. Judge Pao ordered Mr Chan to not grab the land of the farmers. But Mr Chan was greedy. He wanted that land badly so that he can make buildings and earn more and more money. Judge Pao ordered that if Mr. Chan would disobey the order, he would be in prison for twenty years. Mr Chan got afraid, and he didn't disobey Judge Pao's order. He stopped troubling the farmers by apologizing to them and returned the land of the farmers to them. The farmers were very happy. All the farmers celebrated their victory.

After few years when Mr. Chan was growing old he became very sick. He was treated in a hospital for a long time, but he couldn't recover well. He realised all his life he had been a greedy person. Finally, after a few days he passed away and went to after—life.

He was shocked to see Judge Pao there as well. When his turn came, Judge Pao summarised Mr Chan's life but then due to his realisation and good deed in the end, he was given another chance to go back to the world in a new life and this time make amends and be a wonderful and giving person. Judge Pao was pleased to see this change and was very happy with how everything was well in the end.

ESF Quarry Bay School, Yuen, Thaddeus - 7

About one thousand years ago, there was a judge called Judge Pao, who was very good at guessing who was about to commit a crime. One day, Judge Pao saw a man standing near a bank and everything seemed fine at first. The next day, Judge Pao went by the same bank and saw the same man there again, and so Judge Pao became suspicious. On the following evening, Judge Pao went by the same bank again, this time bringing ten police officers with him, and saw no one there except the same man picking the lock of the back door. Failing to pick the lock, the man gave up and went back into the alleyway, and Judge Pao surprised him.

"What are you doing?" Judge Pao asked.

The man, whose name was Chi, explained that the bank had stolen a hundred gold pieces from him and posted very powerful guards during the day. He had been trying to pick the lock to the back door every night but he never succeeded. Judge Pao then ordered the police officers to arrest the man. The next day, Judge Pao and his police officers went to the bank to investigate, and the guards allowed them to go in. Surprisingly, the door to the vault was already open, and Judge Pao and the officers went inside and saw a piece of magical paper floating in the air in the middle of the vault, surrounded by piles of gold. The piece of paper had a giant mouth and was eating the gold around it. When Judge Pao approached the piece of paper, it suddenly disappeared, and a new pile of gold appeared in the middle of the vault. Judge Pao and the police officers quickly counted the gold pieces that appeared and found a hundred pieces with Chi's name inscribed on them. Suddenly, the magical paper reappeared, this time with arms and legs! The magical paper said to Judge Pao, "Don't take my money! I am very hungry for gold!" Judge Pao felt bad for the magical paper, but said, "Even if you feel hungry for gold, you should not eat peoples' hard—earned money!" Judge Pao then took some coins out of his own pocket and gave them to the magical paper. Feeling happy, the paper thanked Judge Pao and disappeared again.

The next day, the magical paper went to visit Judge Pao, hoping Judge Pao would give it more money. Judge Pao said, "Don't you realize that it was my friendship, not the few coins I gave you, that made you happy, since friendship is worth more than a thousand pieces of gold?" The magical paper finally understood the lesson and asked if Judge Pao wanted to be his friend, and Judge Pao said yes. The magical paper set off to find all the people it had stolen from and apologized to them. It became everyone's friend and was very happy, and never ate anyone's money again.

# The Mystery of the Stolen Mona Lisa

ESF Sha Tin Junior School, Chan, Mia - 7

One day, while walking outside a museum in Paris, Bao Zheng and Lisa Bark were crossing the street to get ice cream. Bao Zheng was a young man who always loved equality, honesty and uprightness. In school, he always stood up to the bullies and defended the weak. Lisa Bark, on the other hand, was a young spy who loved to solve mysteries around the world. Lisa and Bao were friends since they were 10 years old. They both share the same mindset of living an honest life and defending the people that need it the most. While walking together in Paris, they were so busy following the rules for the pedestrian crossing sign, that they did not notice the alarms going off in a museum nearby. The police quickly recognized Lisa Bark, as she was famous for solving mysteries. The police chief asked Lisa and Bao for help with a new case that just happened. As it turned out, the alarms that were sounding in the nearby museum were because someone had just stolen the Mona Lisa painting. The Mona Lisa is a famous painting by Leonardo da Vinci. This painting is priceless. "No wonder someone thought to steal it, because it is so valuable," said Lisa Bark.

Bao agreed with Lisa and they both told the police chief that they would love to help him solve the mystery of the stolen Mona Lisa. "First let's check the crime scene" said Lisa, "let's also check all the security cameras" she added.

They sprinted into the museum and grabbed all the security cameras. Then one by one, they watched every one. "Okay, let's see," the police chief said when they finished watching. "This must be the crime scene, the thief had left a clue by leaving a grey feather with some grass," Bao agreed. "The Urban park has grass. We'll go there to look." Lisa suggested. "OK!" They said and rushed to the park.

"Guys, found a clue!" shouted Lisa excitedly. They all saw a hole in the ground with a feather inside. "Let's Go!" they said and jumped in. At the end, they saw a room with lots and lots of doors. They went into the five rooms but did not see the Mona Lisa. At the sixth door, they finally found the Mona Lisa and the thief and his grey feather pigeon. "Ah ha!" whispered Bao. "I think the thief has been training this pigeon to spy and do dirty stuff for him." Lisa quickly nodded. She grabbed the pigeon and threw it in her bag. Lisa and Bao got ready and nodded to each other.

They jumped out of sight and quickly got out their hand cuffs. They locked the thief's hands and Bao told him to NEVER steal things or the world will chop his head off. Lisa went back to get the Mona Lisa and went into the museum to put it back. Mystery solved.

ESF Sha Tin Junior School, Yam, Evan - 6

Once upon a time, in China there were two judges called Pao and Winston. Winston was Pao's assistant.

"Winston, we are going to Thailand," said Pao.

"Why?" said Winston.

"Because the Thailand King needs our help. His treasure has been stolen."

Next day, they took airplane to Thailand and took taxi to the King's Castle.

"Hello!" said Winston and Pao.

"Hi," said the King. "I lost my jewels in the treasure box."

"Can I see your treasure room?" asked Pao.

"Sure!" said the King.

Pao and Winston followed the King to the treasure room. Pao found a grey hair and a button.

"Do you know who left these? asked Pao.

The King looked at it and said "I'm not sure. But there are three people who got the room key."

"Who are they?" asked Pao.

"The first one was Jacky. His father was a General," said the King. "Do you think he is one of the suspects?" asked Pao.

"His father lost all the money during a battle," said the King. "So Jacky might steal the jewels to help his father," said Winston. Pao nodded.

"How about the other two? Winston asked. The second one is Oscar. He and his mother work as servants for me," said the King. "He owned a farm and one day there was flooding. His farm got destroyed."

"So he also needs money," said Pao.

"How about the last one who had the key?" asked Pao.

"Drake is the third one. He is the builder of the castle. He is an old greedy man," said the King.

"Can I meet them?" asked Pao.

"Sure," said the King. Soon Oscar, Jacky and Drake met Pao and Winston. Winston showed them the button and grey hair. "Can anyone recognize this button and grey hair?" asked Pao. No one answered.

"The King lost some jewels in the treasure box. Did anyone steal?" asked Winston.

"No," said Jacky.

"No," said Oscar.

"No," said Drake.

"Seems no one told the truth. Do you think we can use the magic candies to help," asked Winston.

"Good idea," said Pao. "Each of you will get a pouch. Inside, there is a magic candy. The one who told the truth will have the candy changed to jewel. Please come back with the pouch tomorrow. Don't open the pouch. Or the magic will lost."

Next day, they all came back with the pouch. "Can you all take out what's inside the pouch?" asked Pao. Jacky and Oscar opened the pouch and saw the candy was still inside. While Drake took out the jewel from the pouch. Drake looked happy and told them, "I'm the honest man."

"Drake, you are the thief," said Pao.

"Please catch him," said Winston.

"Why?" asked the King.

"These are not magic candies. We got it from flight attendants. Drake changed the candy to the jewel on his own which means he stole the jewels." said Pao.

# The Special Cat

French International School, Ho, Kaylee – 6

Once upon a time around 1,000 years ago, there is a village called Merry Farm. One day, there was a grandmother called Mrs. Merry who lived in a cottage near the village Merry Farm. She has a cat called Fluffy. Fluffy is a white and black cat and was very fluffy so that's why she is called Fluffy! She loves to drink milk, eat strawberries and her paws always have green grass, sometimes even flowers from playing in Mrs. Merry's garden.

One windy cold night, suddenly there was a flash of lightning a bit like lasers then there was an EVIL PERSON CALLED MIGHTY! She crept into Mrs. Merry's house quietly and took Fluffy when Fluffy is sleeping! Next Morning Mrs. Merry woke up and found that Fluffy was gone! "Oh no!" Mrs. Merry cried. "Let me find Judge Pao." She said looking worried. She went to the Yamen where Judge Pao works and saw Judge Pao. She said to him: "My cat Fluffy is missing when I woke up!". "Let me handle that." Judge Pao said and then he went to Mrs. Merry's cottage.

"What are you doing?" Mrs. Merry asked curiously.

"Just wait and see." Judge Pao said.

Mrs. Merry nodded.

Judge Pao whispered to his two assistants and suddenly Judge Pao asked the grass who stole Fluffy the cat? Then the two assistants use a stick to hit the grass because the grass didn't answer! Everyone in the village including Mighty came and watch and laughed. Judge Pao was angry. He pretended to want a pet and nobody knows that he is just pretending. Then he said: "Everyone laughed at me, I am angry!". "I want a pet everyone and you must bring me your pet!". Then everyone gives Judge Pao a pet. Mighty thought she could give the pet and secretly gets Fluffy back. Judge Pao gathered all the animals from the villagers and grouped the cats. Judge Pao laid out some milk and strawberries in front of all the cats, only Fluffy went to eat strawberries while all the cats drink milk.

"That is Mrs. Merry's cat Fluffy because only Fluffy likes strawberries. She also loves milk but she loves strawberries more than milk!" Judge Pao said. "Yes, that is my cat because she has grass sticking to her paws from playing in my garden." Mrs. Merry said. Mighty is looking worried then she said "yes, that is Mrs. Merry's cat Fluffy. I am very sorry for stealing your cat Mrs. Merry." Then Judge Pao ordered his two assistants to punish Mighty and have her flogged 20 times. Mrs. Merry thanked Judge Pao and they all lived happily ever after.

French International School, Jain, Suhani –

Once upon a time there was a magical mountain. Around the mountain was a city called Chingiyoo. In Chingiyoo there was a detective named Judge Pao. Judge Pao had a friend called Annie. Annie was Judge Pao's best friend from New York city. One day a baby panda came and stole the magic crown. The panda had a white face, two black eyes, a white body, black ears, black nose, black hands and feet. The very next day the Panda came back and went to the Magic mountain and this time stole the ruby of magic falls. But no one knew Panda was a robot and Dr. Amele made this robot to get treasure. He would hide the robot and the treasure in his basement. On Christmas eve, Judge Pao went with his friend Annie and tried to stop Dr. Amele by putting Dr. Amele in the magic falls. But they are not able to find Dr. Amele anywhere. Suddenly Annie looked up in the sky and saw a pegasus with silky silver wings and pink eyes. Pegasus came down and said "My name is Silviuna but you can call me Silvi", she giggled. Annie asked if Silvi can help them search for Dr. Amele. "Sure Hop on" Silviuna said. Silviuna had purple skin and rainbow coloured hair and sparkly mane. After taking a break, Silviuna said that she can't fly over the watery mountain. "Maybe we can use your magic and fly over it "said Judge Pao. They flew over the mountain and saw a gemstone cave and went to explore inside. There was a treasure hunt setup inside the cave with Coach Amy. Coach Amy Asked if they were going anywhere. Judge pao told her they are searching for the panda. After a while when they went deep inside the cave they saw the panda. They slowly moved closer and closer and Judge pao saw a button on the panda and he switched it on and Panda bursted and broke. The very next day, they noticed a trail of candy and candy canes. They followed it and Judge Pao saw a candy cane with glitter. He never saw anything like it. He picked it up and told Annie. Annie said let's keep following the trail and find more. Finally Silvium spotted Dr. Amele. Dr. Amele was standing closer to the magic falls. They pushed Dr. Amele in the magic falls, Magic falls makes people become a good person. Judge Pao then went into the magic falls and helped Dr. Amele to come out of it. Now Dr. Amele is a good person and started to help everyone.

# Judge Pao and The Stolen Lunch Box

French International School, Ko, Audrey -

There are four houses in Best International School: Dragon, Phoenix, Snake, and Panda. They compete to win the house cup. Children earn house points when they do something right like answering correctly to the teacher. The house winner can have a house party and one year of free ice cream supply!

Fiona is in Dragon house which is in the lead to win the house cup this year. This is thanks to Fiona who is the best student in Dragon house. Today, Fiona brought her favorite food to school for lunch, and she was looking forward to it.

Louie is in Snake house and loves to eat. When he goes to a birthday party, he always eats two slices of cake at least. When he eats lunch, he usually brings two boxes but today, he only brought one.

Dewey is Louie's best friend, also in Snake, and always forgets his homework at home. Today, Dewey forgot to bring his lunch box to school.

Webby is a Phoenix girl who is jealous of Fiona. Last week, Webby came out second in the yearly swimming competition behind Fiona.

Huey is in Panda house. His family is not very rich. Huey always has the same thing for lunch: fried rice.

It was almost lunch time at BIS and the children just finished their break time. They were getting ready to eat. Suddenly, Fiona let out a cry 'Someone ate my lunch!' The teacher Ms. Honey then said: 'Oh my goodness, I'm going to call Judge Pao to investigate.' Judge Pao came right away by flying his Investifier to avoid traffic jams. 'Let me question Fiona first' he said. Fiona then told Judge Pao what she was going to have for lunch.

Judge Pao then discusses with the rest of the class to find out who did it. He initially identified 4 students to be very suspicious:

Louie only brought one lunch box today instead of the usual two lunchboxes.

Dewey forgot to bring his food today to school.

Webby didn't like Fiona and was happy Fiona did not have lunch to eat.

Huey complained that he was always eating the same thing every day.

Then, Judge Pao asked Fiona: 'do you usually like sandwich for lunch?' Fiona said 'yes'.

'What a shame you missed it today.' said Judge Pao.

Then, Nova said 'But you didn't have sandwich for lunch, you had spaghetti.'

Judge Pao then replied: 'How did you know that? Also, why do you have tomato sauce on your mask?'

'Oops' said Nova.

Judge Pao asked Fiona to tell the class what was in the lunch box. 'Spaghetti with tomato sauce and shrimp', she said.

'Oh no, I'm allergic to shrimps!', said Nova.

Judge Pao then told him it will serve you right for eating someone else's food. Miss Honey brought him to the medical room, and Judge Pao suggested Nova had to copy 100 times 'I must not steal my classmate's food'.

# Judge Pao Adventures Book 4

French International School, Lee, Lucas -

One night two thieves crept into the temple of the Emperor. Too bad the security guard was sleeping! The thieves stole an old gold statue!

The next day, the monk told Judge Pao that a statue had been stolen.

'Huh... Was it gold?' asked Judge Pao.

'Yes!' said the monk.

'Come on, team,' said Judge Pao. 'Let's go to the temple! Monk, can you show the way?'

'Yes!' said the monk.

At the temple, Pao said, 'So, Monk, where was the statue?'

'Over there!' said the monk. He pointed to an empty space.

Suddenly, a really huge light ball exploded followed by several BADABOOMS. The whole temple was full of smoke. They saw a shadow!

'Hi Sherlock Holmes!' said Judge Pao. 'You're here. Let's investigate.'

'I saw some footsteps here earlier when I teleported. Those footsteps might lead to the suspect!' said Sherlock Holmes.

'They lead to the back door, right?'

'Yep,' said Sherlock Holmes.

'But there's nothing at the back door.'

'I know. But maybe they went there,' said Sherlock Holmes.

'Then let's go. What are you waiting for?

'You! Pao! I'm waiting for you!' said Sherlock Holmes.

They went until they reached a dead—end. There was an old bookshelf of books about Chinese gods and a huuuuuuuuuge brown scrap paper with the words Zhěn Zì, the name of the Emperor.

'Oh...' said Sherlock Holmes. 'I thought I was right.'

'You are not right, because there's nowhere to go!' said Judge Pao.

Suddenly they fell through a trap door in the ground quietly! It was a long stone slide. In the end, they fell into the Emperor's bedroom!

'Holmes! Pao!' said the Emperor. 'You've made it in time!'

'In time for what?' asked Judge Pao.

'For the mystery of the missing statue!'

'It's Sebastian and Mark again, right?' said Judge Pao.

'Who are Sebastian and Mark?' asked Sherlock Holmes.

'They are my friends from another case, but they always take stuff. They work for Caribbean pirates and are the only ones who can steal the big big gold stuff because they have the special ox to pull the cart.'

'Yep I think so.' Said the Emperor. 'Come, Sherlock Holmes. Go down these stairs.'

They went downstairs to the basement, where they smelled overcooked apples and found a water bottle and a sock. They peeked down. Behind the sock and the water bottle was a map that led to the port.

But when they got there, Mark and Sebastian were rowing with the old gold statue to the other side. A bunch of pirates were waiting on the other side of the port. They had on old clothes and their ship was huge. The captain hated emperors!

Judge Pao and Sherlock Holmes found a boat and rode very fast. Because Mark and Sebastian's boat was too heavy with the gold statue, they caught up to them! Judge Pao and Sherlock Holmes used a lasso to grab the old gold statue then they gave it back to the Emperor.

'Thank you very much,' said the Emperor.

Sherlock and Judge Pao hugged together. 'Come to my time for a case next time!' 'So long, bye!' said Sherlock Holmes, and he teleported back home.

Judge Pao returned home to eat his dinner, chicken, mashed sausages (yes, mashed sausages), fish and tea.

# Judge Pao and the Thief Kong

French International School, Oh, Yuna -

Once upon a time there was a thief named Kong who was strong but wicked.

He had a little brother, King Clong. King Clong had a secret magic crystal ball with powerful force.

Their parents did not give it to Kong because he was bad and did not respect anyone. Their parents thought Kong was not qualified to be king. So they gave it to their younger son Clong who had a mild and kind mind.

However Kong also wished to get the magic ball and rule the country whatever he wanted.

King Clong vowed to God he will rule his country and people peacefully and safely. So he should keep the magic crystal safely and pass it to his child after his death and will go on and on

One night the thief Kong came into the kingdom and gave the knights a sleeping potion. And he secretly changed the magic crystal ball to a fake ordinary one! The thief laughed. "Next morning after the sunrise I can become a new King, rule the world, and make people unhappy!

It was midnight when Judge Pao woke up and started working. He checked the crystal ball. "OH NO!!! This is an ordinary crystal ball, it is not a magic one." At first he was embarrassed that the king would be upset but soon he began to stay calm so he could think. Then he looked for the spot carefully and found a permission card which allows to come to the Kingdom. The thief Kong dropped it off when he hurriedly escaped.

Judge Pao ordered his men to investigate people who visited the Kingdom during the day time. Soon Judge Pao was able to notice the thief Kong didn't carry the permission card. Judge Pao smiled.

Judge Pao ordered his man to chase Kong secretly to find the place where he hid the magic crystal ball. But it failed because Kong noticed that someone was chasing him. Judge Pao ordered another man to approach the thief while veiling his appearance. He was smart enough to trick the thief. He found the thief's secret place and the magic crystal ball. It was just before Thief Kong could follow his dream to destroy the happiness of the world.

In a flash he arrested the thief Kong and took him to Judge Pao.

Judge Pao sentenced the thief to 50 years in jail.

Judge Pao told everything to King Clong about this event. King Clong was relieved to find the magic crystal ball again. But he was sad that his brother Kong should be sent to jail.

However Judge Pao said to King Clong all laws should be applied equally to all people even though he is one of the royal family. King Clong absolutely agreed with Judge Pao's wise thinking.

King Clong ruled his country fairly and peacefully for all people.

# Judge Pao and the Sloths

German Swiss International School, Bertoli, Isabella – 7

Once upon a time in Brazil there was a jungle with lots of animals. One day a famous judge from China came to visit Brazil. His name was Judge Pao.

Judge Pao heard some robbers talking about a rare animal in the Amazon called 'sloth'. Judge Pao liked the jungle and went often there. One sloth spotted him and wanted to talk to him. Judge Pao was very smart and already knew what the sloth wanted to tell him.

So, one night Judge Pao and the sloth crept into the robber's flat and made some scary ghost shadows. One robber tripped over and ran away because he was so scared. He came back after a short while to tell the other robbers about that ghost. Judge Pao and the sloth could not stop laughing and so the robbers knew that it was not a ghost. Judge Pao quickly escaped with the sloth. The sloth ran back to the jungle to tell the other animals about it. Ran? No, it was more like crawling because sloths are very slow.

Then one dark night when the wind was blowing hard, there in its burrow lay a snake in need of water and food. Judge Pao spotted the snake and gave it some food and water. The snake spoke and said to Judge Pao "Thank you. As you are very kind, I will let you know that one of the robber name is Chi Wan. He is scared of snakes and my fangs can help you that this robber will run away forever. I will give you my special snake pixie dust so that you can go to see my friend the bird."

Judge Pao sprinkled some snake pixie dust on his head and to his surprise he was flying. He heard a tweet and then saw a bird. The bird said, "If you give me some crumbs to feed my babies, I will help you." Judge Pao did not have any crumbs and told the bird that he will give it later to him. The bird agreed and trusted Judge Pao as he only heard good things about him. Judge Pao was all set to protect the sloths.

One morning the bird spotted the robbers coming to the jungle. The bird flew to Judge Pao to inform him, and Judge Pao told the snake. The snake showed her fangs to Chi Wan and scared that robber away. The other robbers ran to get the sloths. But all the animals of the jungle had formed a wall. Judge Pao was standing in front of the wall. On the top of the wall were all the sloths, so that no one could reach them. The robbers tried to climb, but they kept on falling until they gave up.

The sloths were so happy and threw a party for Judge Pao and all the animals. His special award was wrapped in a green leaf. It was a medal for saving all the sloths.

#### Tale of Two Brothers

German Swiss International School, Chadha, Ziya – 7

Once there were two stepbrothers, Ming-Tao Huang, and Zi Rui Wang, in the town of Nanjing. Over the years, they had several quarrels over the inheritance of their family property. Even though they lived next door to each other, they barely met each other.

One day Ming—Tao approached Zi Rui and said, "Let's forget our past differences and learn to live happily together. Come over to my home for some tea this evening." Zi Rui felt that his brother had taken an initiative to be friends, so he gladly accepted the invitation. Little did he know that Ming—Tao's intentions were not good.

In the evening, when Zi Rui arrived at Ming—Tao, they greeted each other happily. Ming—Tao asked his wife, Hui Ying, to get tea ready for them. Once it was ready, Ming—Tao excused himself and went to collect the tea from his wife. Both the brothers had an enjoyable evening and Zi Rui went home glad. But soon he started to feel uneasy and sick. His wife, Xiao Dan, called in the doctor. The doctor said, "I am afraid he has been poisoned and I cannot save him." Zi Rui passed away the same night.

In the morning, Xiao Dan, approached the Court of Judge Pao seeking justice for her husband and to imprison Ming—Tao Huang for his misdeed. Judge Pao called Ming—Tao to his court. Ming—Tao approached the court; his heart was thumping with fear.

Judge Pao asked him, "Have you poisoned Zi Rui Wang?"

Ming-Tao replied, "No. I did not. He met me in the evening for tea and was completely fine when leaving my home."

Judge Pao said, "Why did you unexpectedly call him for tea to your home after so many years of quarrelling?"

Ming-Tao said, "I had a change of heart and wanted to make amends for my past behaviour."

Judge Pao asked, "Why the sudden change of heart?"

Ming-Tao replied, "I wanted the relationship between our families to improve."

Judge Pao then said, "In that case, I believe that you had good intentions towards your brother and would be glad that I have decided to grant the ownership of the disputed property to Zi Rui Wang's family for their well—being."

Ming-Tao got scared at this announcement and questioned Judge Pao, "How can that happen? How can you do that? How can my brother's family get the share when he is not alive anymore?"

Judge Pao smiled, and realisation dawned on Ming-Tao that he had blurted out his own secret and had fallen into the trap that Judge Pao laid.

Judge Pao said, "In your greed, you confessed that it was your intention to kill your brother for the property. No matter how hard one tries, one cannot hide the truth forever. I order that Ming—Tao is imprisoned for his crime and the property in question is to be equally shared between the two families."

Everyone praised Judge Pao for his quick wit and justice.

# Judge Pao and the Mysterious Flood

German Swiss International School, Ho, William - 7

The city of Hefei boasted a hero – Judge Pao. He stood 7 feet tall with a stern and intimidating look. He had downturned eyebrows and an extremely long goatee. Despite his appearance, he was one of the most intelligent and revered officials in Ancient China.

Resting in his courtyard, an ancient Confucius scroll resting gently on his lap the Judge was interrupted by panicked shrieks from the locals. "Everyone, run for your lives!" an anxious villager exclaimed as he bolted for his life. Judge Pao peered through the red doors of his house and witnessed the chaos. In the far distance, a torrent of water came surging down from the peak of Hefei's tallest mountain, uprooting everything in its path. Thinking quickly, he climbed onto his green—tiled roof and reassured the surrounding civilians in a firm voice, "Stay calm, everyone! I will investigate!"

As the flood receded. Judge Pao donned his shimmering lamellar armour, the individual metal plates chinking gently. As the Judge began to move through the chaos, his black leather boots gripped the mud, and he tightly held his Zhuge crossbow. His investigation started by scouring the foot of the mountain for clues.

As Judge Pao combed through the area, he spotted a scrunched –up parchment. He unfolded it and revealed a blueprint for an illegal pavilion, the location astride the source of the flooded river.

"Aha! This must be what caused the flood!" he exclaimed. At the bottom of the parchment paper was a red seal from a prominent and influential family. Judge Pao was utterly stunned, but more than that, he was angry at the selfishness exhibited by the family.

Further up the mountain, he found weapons littered across the grass. "Very suspicious indeed ..." he whispered while stroking his beard, "this certainly implies that someone is guarding this place".

He saw five flashes in the distance. He looked at the sky and watched several arrows rain down on him. Within seconds, four had missed, glancing off his armour.

"What is going on!" he bellowed, running resolutely towards the danger on the mountain's summit. When he reached the top, he saw five ballistae lining the walls of an imposing imperial—style pavilion. A loud voice nearby yelled, "FIRE!" Quickly dodging the danger, Judge Pao returned fire, shooting arrows at the walls. He made footholds and ascended. Looking down at the pavilion, he realised he had to blow it up to restore the river's natural course.

Judge Pao set gunpowder charges on the pavilion's supports, lit the charges, and jumped into the water. With a "BOOM!" the pavilion vaporised, and the river rushed in, returning the landscape to normal.

Judge Pao arrived home with the arrogant family in chains for trial. All the villagers celebrated for five months and erected a golden statue of the Judge in the town centre. Centuries later, the statue still stands in the town square as a reminder to all who see it of the importance of justice, equity and the rule of law.

German Swiss International School, Lo, Clarissa – 7

Once upon a time, in ancient China, there was a justice called Judge Pao. He also had Detective Pikachu as his assistant!

It was no surprise that Judge Pao was called to help again. When Judge Pao got to the crime scene, which was at the Royal Palace, he couldn't see the royal baby and Empress Sapphire's sapphire necklace. The Empress told him that when she woke up, the royal baby and her necklace were gone! She requested Judge Pao to help find the royal baby and the necklace.

Judge Pao knew that the soldiers guarding the Palace only go to bed on the stroke of midnight. The thief had to wait for a long time so he must be very tired. Judge Pao and Pikachu knew that the thief should have not gone very far. There was a maze surrounding the Palace and nobody knew the way out except the Empress, the soldiers, and Judge Pao (and Pikachu). So the thief must have got lost. Judge Pao and Pikachu looked in a dead—end passage and they found the thief!

But the thief was also a ninja! He climbed over the walls and went into the city. Judge Pao went to the exit and looked throughout the city. Judge Pao and Pikachu then found three people who looked exactly like the criminal. They had to identify the real thief. Judge Pao knew that the thief had a white bandana. He found out that two were white and one was red, and one of the two white was just a 3D image! The other one then quickly escaped to his garden shed.

Judge Pao followed him into the garden shed which showed his name. Inside, Judge Pao found the royal baby and the Empress's necklace! The thief then exploded the roof of the garden—shed and climbed out. Judge Pao and Pikachu followed him to the city until they came to the maze again. The thief ran inside, but Pikachu jumped on the maze walls. Then Pikachu found the thief and jumped on the thief's head. Judge Pao came to find the thief under Pikachu. They caught the thief!

Judge Pao and Pikachu escorted the thief to court. The thief said, "Excuse me, Sir, but I think you have mistaken." Judge Pao said, "I found the royal baby and the necklace in your garden shed. The things you stole are very precious! This is a very serious crime!!" Judge Pao then ordered the thief to receive a death sentence and used the dog's head lever knife which as known as "dog chop chop" to chop off the thief's head. Pikachu helped to take the royal baby and the necklace back to the Empress.

Judge Pao and Pikachu successfully resolved the biggest problem of the royal family ever.

# The Case of the Missing Mooncakes

German Swiss International School, Saraf, Ariana – 7

Judge Pao was happy to be able to finally visit his relatives in Hong Kong. He had waited for this day for many months. He made his way to the popular dumpling house "La Mian Xiao Long Bao", to have lunch with his favorite nephew amongst others.

Judge Pao's nephew Yu Pin rushed to see his uncle and gave him a warm hug. As they exchanged stories during lunch, Yu Pin shared a case of concern with his uncle. It was the season for mooncakes, and he loved opening his snack box at school to eat the sweet he looked forward to all year round.

However, every single day – someone had been very carefully removing them from his box before snack time. It was a class of 30 kids and while he had been trying to identify the culprit, so far, he had been unsuccessful in his efforts. His complaint to the teacher had even resulted in the class's snack boxes being checked and they found none with his mooncake.

As Judge Pao thought over this matter that bothered his nephew so much, the hot dumplings made their way to the table and the entire family started eating at once. However once lunch ended, the Judge took Yu Pin to the side before leaving and gave him an idea to solve his problem!

The next day Yu Pin asked his Grandma to specifically prepare "Beet Snow Mooncake" with extra pink beet and to make it stickier than usual. At school, as the bell rang for recess Yu Pin ran to enjoy his mooncake in the tiffin and much to his disappointment, they were gone yet again!

However, this time he remembered his Uncle's advice. He slowly turned his gaze to each child and attentively stared at their teeth as they laughed. Sure enough, soon he saw Junfeng's teeth looked pink and had small pieces of glutinous flour stuck between them!

The next moment Yu Pin confronted him, and the little boy started crying. Junfeng explained to Yu Pin that no one made or gave him any mooncakes although he absolutely loved them and that made him very sad hence, he had been stealing them from Yu Pin's box. He apologised and promised that he would never do it again.

Yu Pin felt sorry for his classmate and he went home and told his Grandma to give him more mooncakes everyday so that he could share them with Junfeng.

He then called his uncle, Judge Pao and thanked him, as it not only helped him solve the mystery but also make a new friend!

# New Tales of Judge Pao: Magic

German Swiss International School, Tsoi, Ian - 7

#### Chapter 1: The Fight

Once upon a time, there was a magician called Sze, and another magician called Loz. They were friends and they lived on an island.

They grew up together.

They learned magic together.

And they loved traveling together.

One day, they decided to travel to a mountain in China called Mas Los. When they climbed up the mountain, it started raining heavily. So Loz decided to hide in a cave. When they went deep in the cave, Sze saw a golden magic wand and a magic book. Its title was,

"The Best Magician"

So they fought for it.

#### Chapter 2: The Case

Sze said he saw it first so it was his, but Loz said he decided to go into the cave so it was his. They argued from day to night, and from night to day. At the end, they got so tired and hungry. So, Loz said they should go back to the village to eat something first.

After eating, Sze said they should go to find Judge Pao, who was very famous for being just. So they did.

When they arrived at Judge Pao's office, Judge Pao asked what the problem was. Sze and Loz said they found a magic wand in a cave, and they were fighting about who should get it. Then they started arguing again.

Judge Pao shouted, "Stop!"

Everyone fell into silence.

#### Chapter 3: The Solution

Judge Pao decided that they would have a magic competition and see who the best magician. He gave them one month to prepare for it. They both practised very hard.

One month passed. It was time for the competition. Everyone in the village came, and Judge Pao sat in front of the stage. There were 200 villagers and everyone would vote for the winner.

Loz performed first. He went onto the stage. He was able to change his skin colour into purple, then green, then orange, and then back to beige. Everyone clapped.

Then Sze performed his disappearing magic. He disappeared all of a sudden, and then reappeared on the left side of the stage. He disappeared again and reappeared beside the audience seats. Then he disappeared and reappeared on the stage. Everyone clapped.

The audience started to vote, and Judge Pao counted. There were 99 votes for Loz and 101 votes for Sze. Judge Pao announced that the winner was......Sze!

He gave Sze the golden magic wand and the magic book. Then he said,

"Actually, it is the best magician who deserves the best magic wand and book, but not the one who gets the book would become the best magician."

When Sze opened the book happily, the first page stated.

"Magic is for bringing happiness to people"

Sze then understood what a magician truly did, so he shared the golden magic wand and book with Loz to perform magic and bring happiness to everyone in the village.

#### The Story of Judge Pao

Harrow International School Hong Kong, Law, Nicholas - 7

#### Chapter one

Long time ago, there was a person named Judge Pao. Judge Pao was a detective in the day and work ed in the Afterlife at night. One day, Judge Pao was busy digging a tunnel down to the underworld. The underworld was a world that was underground and had many, many secrets. Anyway, Judge Pao was digging a hole to the underworld. Just he was about to jump into the hole, he heard foot steps. Thinking fast, Judge Pao took some wire from his pocket and tucked it in both sides of the mud. Unfortunately, the footsteps were coming closer and closer. Suddenly, a huge snake—person lunged on him and wrapped his neck around and around.

With his heart pounding, he drew his sword out and cut the monster!

#### Chapter two

When Judge Pao finally made it to the underworld, he quickly disguised himself as a inhabitant of the underworld. After that, he crept silently towards the lord's room. Just then, the door bursted open and the lord came out. As quick as light, Judge Pao hid under the round table. "Who is here?!" asked the lord. Judge Pao held his breath, just as the lord was about to look under the table, Judge Pao dashed to the amour room and put on some armour and tried not to breathe. Then, the armour polisher came in and took of the armour plates and began to oil them. Just then, his visor retracted and the armour polisher was shocked to see one of the inhabitants of the underworld. The man asked,"Why are you in here?", Judge Pao quickly responded. "Oh, nothing just to surprise you". "Hmmmm, you look suspicious" he said. After Judge Pao got out, he tiptoed to the room of secrets. Judge Pao glanced around at all the wonder inside the room. There were jewels that sparkled with the few rays of sun, popping in from the little hole above. Without thinking, Judge Pao darted to the nearest drawer and looked through the entire thing. Just then, an aroma that he knew well delicately fluttered as if it came from a dove. Judge Pao immediately grabbed the scroll that he had found earlier and opened it to take a look. Suddenly, Judge Pao darted for the ladder which was nearby. He used it to climb up to the hole and slip through Judge Pao had done that because he had found the map. Once he was outside, he ran to the main city. When he arrived, he ran to the room in the bank where the government placed extremely valuable things. After that, he went back home and eat. Outside, the sky was like a red hue that faded over the horizon. After eating, he took a quick nap, after taking nap, he walked to the secret trapdoor that was in his room. The trapdoor led to the afterlife burial sight. Down there, he started burying.

#### The Tale of Judge Pao

Harrow International School Hong Kong, Qi, Anne – 8

A long time ago there was a young pale, boy called Judge Pao, he was a detective and a good fighter. He loved all of those subjects but, he loved his village the most. There was a big, tall, nice castle in the middle of the village. The village chief was Judge Pao himself. His people loved their chief who was Judge Pao, he often was a good chief because he was kind, loyal, and handsome. But there was some trouble of the village there was a mighty monster which is a serpent, the fact why is the serpent is so troubling and scary is because it eats people. The people begged for help, and got killed then people that got killed was 1032 people got killed. He announced that whoever can kill the serpent will get a prize. One day he went out of his village and into a deep dark Forest, he thought it was not a good idea but he changed his idea when he saw another big grey castle. He went in it was filled with candles but with no light it was creepy and a bit dark, but he doesn't know where is he. He wondered into the castle wondering deeper he went, but he didn't know that this castle belongs to the serpent even though it wasn't so dark and creepy.

Once he found the main hallway, he saw at the end of the hallway there was a mysterious Door at the end. He stands back and unlocked the door he saw a red and yellow throne. Suddenly he saw a big black shadow over his big handsome head and he turned around and saw the serpent with big wide red eyes staring at him slithering angrily, he thought I Am not quite ready but I can't give up I must save my village. As he fought against the serpent, he began to thought I am tired I want to give up. He finally made it to the hallway because he decided that it was scary, he wasn't prepared and he was to weak and tired.

He went back to where he went disappointed because he hadn't fought against the serpent and killed it but he still knew that he would make it one day and defeat it, then he went to his village proudly. One year later he practised many times a day and he was very confident. The very next day he went back to the deep dark forest and found the castle he walked through the hallway and saw the serpent he fought against the serpent. It was a deadly fight but he still made it to the end and he defeated it. He went back to the the village and everyone cheered for him and clapped for him and he was celebrated. The village now was very peaceful all thanks to the prince who is handsome Judge Pao.

#### The Legend of Judge Pao

Harrow International School Hong Kong, Qi, Emma – 8

A long time ago, before your grandparents were born, there was a detective called Judge Pao. One day, Judge Pao was chasing a criminal at the breaking of dawn. At midnight, the sky started to rain. The criminal gave up and killed himself and his soul went to hell deep underground. You see, Judge Pao's father had died when the criminal killed him. He still had his mother though. Then he suddenly got a call from his mother. Judge Pao's father had used the remains of the clay into the black basin. When Judge Pao was a young boy, he was like any other boy except he had a dark scar just under his left eye. Everyone was scared of him, so he had no friends. One day when he was sleeping, his dark mark glowed. He had a nightmare about hell that night. When he woke up, he found himself deep underground. He was in hell! Since then he became a detective, and tracked down people who betrayed the dead. A camera man was spying on them and soon he was on the news and everyone knew him on his dark side. The news spread from Hong Kong in China (his home country) around the whole world. Everyone knew him as a villain and they ran away at the sound of it. Everyone feared him and hated him. One day, the news went into the head of another detective. He hated Judge Pao as nobody did and he filled with fury and anger. He hired lots of people and gave them one -million dollars as prize money. He asked all of them to hunt down Judge Pao and bring Judge Pao to him. He told them not to kill him by themselves because he wanted to kill him independently and he would be the hero of the world. While Judge Pao was sorting some important documents, the men sneaked behind his desk. Suddenly, they pounced on him and locked him in a steel cage. They took him back to the detective and he stabbed him in the chest. He fell to the ground and stayed there lifeless. The men asked for their prize and he said he didn't have that much and in fact, he was poor. He stabbed them all before they can respond and the room went silent. He pushed them all into a locked room and left them there. He told the man who wrote the newspaper that he had captured Judge Pao and unfortunately, Judge Pao had killed many men and they had vanished. The camera man read the newspaper and he was very shameful of himself by killing a innocent man. Judge Pao had a tragic story and the real news spread and the detective was sent to prison. As for Judge Pao, his body vanished and his soul went to heaven. He lived in peace and lived happily every after.

Hong Kong Baptist University Affiliated School Wong Kam Fai Secondary and Primary School Wong Kam Fai Secondary and Primary School, Chak, Paak Shun – 7

I will never forget that hot summer night. It was the first day of my long—awaited summer holidays, and I was swimming in the Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool in Wong Chuk Hang with my parents. I was so excited that I jumped right into the water. Suddenly, I saw a giant whirlpool and Judge Pao appeared. "Did you know this swimming pool was built by my descendant? Hong Kong is the home of my grandchildren, and I am so proud that they could contribute to the city…" I could not talk underwater. What I could only do was nod my head. Water kept coming in and I could not help but blink my eyes to clear it…

When I opened my eyes again, I found myself in Pao Yue—kong Library at Hong Kong Polytechnic University. All of a sudden, a book named "Tales of Judge Pao" dropped from the bookshelf and hit my head. I rubbed my head and flipped through the book. "Do you find my stories interesting?" I looked up and found that the librarian was Judge Pao! "I worked in the Infernal Bureaucracy and helped sort out the affairs of the Afterlife. Not only for humans, but also for the animals. One of the stories in this book is about a lamb. I hope you can realise the importance of justice and integrity after reading this." Looking through the book, I saw that lamb mentioned by Judge Pao and it jumped out of the book and talked to me! "Follow me through the tunnel, please," it said. I followed the lamb and walked into the tunnel...

In two shakes of the lamb's tail, I was in the Lady Pao Children's Cancer Centre at Prince of Wales Hospital. The lamb had disappeared but the book about Judge Pao was still with me. I heard a feeble but clear voice from a child, "Doctor, I want a bedtime story. Would you please read me the tales of Sherlock Holmes or a story about Detective Pikachu? I like superheroes!" I realised the child was talking to me! I looked down at the book, smiled and started reading it out loud, "Before there were the detectives that you mentioned, there was a real hero called Judge Pao..." The book was a page—turner and the boy finally fell asleep after I had read the whole book three times! I was exhausted after travelling around Hong Kong and closed my eyes for a second...

I could tell it was the next day the moment I woke up. Was it just a dream? The sunlight filtered through the windows and warmed up the room. I was at the Pao Galleries where the Hong Kong Young Writers Awards Exhibition was happening. My parents were standing next to me. "Congratulations, my dear!" they looked so happy. Oh...the winner of The Hong Kong Young Writers Awards 2023 was ... me! Thank you, Judge Pao!

Hong Kong Baptist University Affiliated School Wong Kam Fai Secondary and Primary School Wong Kam Fai Secondary and Primary School, Cheng, Lok Hei Isabel – 9

Have you ever heard of Judge Pao? If you haven't, let me tell you what Judge Pao did! There once were Detective Pikachu, Batman, Sherlock Homes...and Judge Pao, a crusading character with a passion to fight crime and clean up the land. Judge Pao lived more than 1,000 years before any of the other justice fighters mentioned above who were created by authors. Judge Pao was born on 5th March 999, in Shexian Hefei, Liuzhou, in the Northern Song Dynasty and died on 3rd July 1062 (aged 63) in Kaifeng, in the Northern Song Dynasty. Today, Judge Pao is honored as the cultural symbol of justice in Chinese society.

One day, Judge Pao was reading Chinese books about crimes as usual. He suddenly heard a horrifying scream from his bedroom, where his understanding wife, Lady Zhang was sleeping. He rushed into the bedroom and only found his wife's unconscious body on the floor. He immediately called for doctors to treat her wounds. While the doctors were making diagnosis and giving treatment, Judge Pao searched around the bedroom to see if he could find anything the culprit had left. However, all he could find was only a feather. He asked a nearby zookeeper and the zookeeper said, "I've never seen anything like it before, but according to my book about ancient animals, it seems to belong to a phoenix which was extinct 10 years ago. Scientists said that they will not be able to bring the phoenix back because no animal has a similar DNA to the phoenixes."

Then, Judge Pao went away and thought, "Is it possible if there were actually more phoenixes that scientists haven't found yet?" But then, a genius idea popped into his mind! He ran back to the zookeeper and asked, "Where did phoenixes live?" The zookeeper checked his book and said, "They existed only in China, but it didn't say where in China." Judge Pao sighed but he did not give up because he was an optimistic person.

When Judge Pao was busy thinking of a way to solve this mystery, a doctor rushed in and said, "Judge Pao, your wife has awakened." Judge Pao immediately went into the room to see his wife. He quickly asked, "What happened?" Lady Zhang answered, "There was a guy, who let out a horrifying creature, then the creature attacked me! Judge Pao then realized that it was not the creature. It was the guy! So, he came up with a plan. He would call every man in town and then investigated.

A few months later, Judge Pao came up with four suspects. Suspect Number One said that he had health issues including his paralyzed left hand and Down syndrome. Suspect Number Two said that she never liked animals or outdoor adventures. Suspect Number Three said that he was a scientist and was planning a trip to Paris. Suspect Number Four panicked and said, "I'm new here this month, so I swear I have nothing to do with this!" Judge Pao immediately captured Suspect Number Four because the emperor had closed all the borders when he was on the trip to South Korea since last month as he did not want anything bad to happen. And now, the villages were once again safe from bad things because they had Judge Pao.

I wrote this story because I am interested in crime stories. I also appreciate Judge Pao's hard work and talent to solve mysteries. Do you know Judge Pao was one of the magnificent persons who inspired authors to write tales about detectives?

#### Judge Pao and The Case of the Missing Coins

HKUGA Primary School, Lam, Yi Shing Karl - 7

One day, in China, when it was still under the rule the Emperor Renzong of Song, lawyers had to be hired so only the rich would have a lawyer. Therefore, the poor peasants and villagers had only one person to seek help from, Judge Pao. Judge Pao was a close friend of the villagers and peasants. He would help anyone who asked for his aid. He was forever known as China's greatest detective ever.

Long, long ago, there was a boy whose father had died and whose mother was sick in bed. One hot day, the little boy had sold all his fried dough sticks, and he counted the money he'd got. His hands were oily so the oil got all over the money. Then, he fell asleep on a small rock nearby. When he woke up, he decided to buy medicine for his mother. However, when he examined his basket, it was empty!

Fortunately, Judge Pao was walking by. He asked, "Child, why are you so sad?"

The boy replied in tears, "My money was stolen when I slept upon this rock."

Judge Pao said, "It should have been the rock who stole your money!" So, they took the rock to the court.

Then, he started asking it questions. People thought it was hilarious, so they gathered to watch.

Judge Pao started to get furious. He yelled, "Rock, if you aren't going say something, I'm going to smash your bulky head into smithereens!"

The crowd laughed.

One teased, "Judge Pao is an idiot!"

Another jeered, "Judge Pao is a no-brainer!"

Judge Pao was really on fire then! "Everybody throws one coin into the bucket of water! This is your punishment" he boomed.

When the last coin was thrown, Judge Pao yelled, "He is the thief! Don't let him escape! Look! The bowl of water got oily when he threw his coin!" As a result, the thief returned 100 coins to the boy and ran away, embarrassed.

This was how the hero of the poor, Judge Pao, solved the mystery.

#### Judge Pao and The Case of the Missing Jade Ornament

HKUGA Primary School, Ng, Ho Yin Erik – 8

It was a pitch—black night, most of the palace guards' night shifts had ended so there were only two guards left. A sudden movement caught a guard's eyes.

"Chen, come over here!" said the guard sharply.

"What now?" said his comrade, as he walked over.

"Did you see anything?" asked the guard.

"No, I didn't," he replied, looking annoyed.

As he was walking away, an arrow suddenly hit him in the skull and he collapsed. The other guard tried to run but it was too late. Another arrow hit him in the thigh and he too, collapsed.

The next morning, the guards were found dead and the jade ornament belonging to Emperor Renzong's brother, Zhao You, was stolen. Footprints were found along with a black dagger stained with blood. Through further investigation, they found the footprints were an exact copy of those of the blacksmith and the dagger they found was also forged by him. The emperor's guards tracked down the blacksmith and brought him to court. Without any proof of his innocence, he was proclaimed guilty. He couldn't get any help from his relatives. So, he went to the only person who could help him, Judge Pao.

Judge Pao agreed to help and went to the scene of the crime to investigate further. Halfway through his work, he tripped on something heavy. He dug through the rubble and found a golden badge engraved with the words "General Ning Yuan".

"Someone must have hired the general to steal the ornament," Judge Pao muttered to himself. "It must be someone in the royal family. It isn't the emperor so it can only be..."

Judge Pao's sentence was interrupted when two guards leapt from both sides and grabbed him. Judge Pao was trapped.

"Where is he?" said Zhang Long, Judge Pao's officer, "He's been gone for five hours."

"Maybe we should go and check," said Zhan Zhao, Judge Pao's chief officer.

As they neared the emperor's palace, they heard the guards talking about how they captured Judge Pao.

"They've got Judge Pao," hissed Zhang Long.

"Don't worry," said Zhan Zhao, "I'll take care of the guards."

They soon knocked out the guards and started looking for Judge Pao.

Eventually, they found Judge Pao locked in a prison cell. Judge Pao hurried to the emperor and reported that he knew who stole the ornament. The emperor asked him who the thief was, and Judge Pao revealed that the thief was actually the owner of the jade ornament, Zhao You, himself. He was brought to court and confessed. He did it because he could get his money back from the jewelry merchant, so he hired the general to make it look like a crime. As an act of gratitude, the emperor gave Judge Pao three guillotines, one engraved with a dog's head to execute peasants and villagers, one with a tiger's head for high—ranking officials and one with a dragon's head for members of the royal family.

Kau Yan School (Primary), Yip, Hei Tung Kristen – 8

A long time ago in the Song dynasty of China, there was a famous Judge called Pao Ching Tien. He was no ordinary Judge and had solved millions of crime cases. He was known as the China's Sherlock Holmes.

One sunny day, Judge Pao was sitting in his chair in his working chamber when one of his guards marched in and bowed. "The emperor has sent a messenger for you." He said. A second later, another man with a black cloak holding a scroll from the emperor came in.

He read from the scroll in a deep voice, "One of the emperor's guards reported that while he was patrolling the city, he heard an eerie scream at the house on top of the mountain, and when he went up to check, everything was broken and a dead body was found on the floor with blood spreading across the floor and a sharp knife next to the body. After he searched the house, he realised that the murderer had already escaped. The emperor wanted your help to solve this case."

Judge Pao nodded his head slowly then commanded his guards to get the knife. When the guards came back, they carefully placed the knife onto a white cushion for Judge Pao to inspect. He walked around and stared at it a few times.

"Interesting! I can spot bits of meat on the knife. It must be a butcher's knife." Said Judge Pao while stroking his beard.

"Zhan Zhao! Bring me all the butchers in town to my court for questioning!" he commanded his bodyguard Zhan Zhao.

After an hour, Zhan Zhao came back with three butchers, the first sold chicken, the second sold beef and the last one sold pork.

"I wasn't even working on that day!" said the beef butcher.

"He is my dear friend, why would I want to kill him? And also, my knife was lost few days ago." said the pork butcher with sadness.

Lastly, the chicken butcher said, "I'm innocent, I sell only chicken, but the meat on the knife is pork!"

Judge Pao smiled and starred sharply at the chicken butcher, "How do you know there is pork bits on the knife when I have not even shown you the knife? Guards! Put him in prison and I shall deal with him in court tomorrow."

The next day the chicken butcher confessed that he knew that the man had a lot of gold and was jealous so that he murdered him to get all his gold. Judge Pao sentenced the criminal to death by the 'guillotines of dog's head', a beheading device given to him by the emperor. Judge Pao received a reward from the emperor for solving the case, and continue to serve the emperor for the rest of his life.

Korean International School, Leung, Jasper – 8

Once upon a time, there was a Judge in Song dynasty of China called Pao Ching, people called him Judge Pao. He was famous of his honesty and was a very upright judge. People said he has dark skin colour and has a moon logo on his forehead. He was a well–known judge in Caifung in Song Dynasty.

There was a kid called Casper who lives in Caifung. One day, he noted that there was a crime committed at Caifung that a guy was captured by a cat for no reason. As far as he knows, the cat can transform into an evil dragon. The cat also has a nemesis which is a fox that can transform into a mutant titan three headed dragon which can breathe out lightning and is good looking.

Casper, however, found the fox and make it as his pet and then he just named it as Catshine which means it will shine. He later took Catshine for a walk and then judge pao called Casper to give evidence for the case of the guy being captured. Then Casper told judge Pao to put on hold the court proceeding and he has to find evidences to show him about the case.

A few days later, they found cat pawprints next to a cave and they went inside to look for any clues. However, they could not find any clue but when they look around, they found a blue round time portal. Casper and Catshine went in and went back to Caifung to see Judge Pao. He told Judge Pao that he found some cat pawprints near the cave but there was no other clues can be found inside the cave. Judge Pao said these pawprints might belong to another cat thief which is not relevant.

Casper went home later and he borrowed some armour and a sword from Judge Pao. One day later, Casper went back into the cave and brought along with Catshine. All of a sudden, he saw a cat about 40 metres away from the cave entrance. The cat transformed into an evil dragon but suddenly Mr. Zhan Zhao jumped into the cave and battled with the dragon. Mr. Zhan Zhao, forth rank royal guard, with the title "imperial cat" to show his fast movement and Kung Fu actions. This time, Mr. Zhan Zhao brought a sword and fight the dragon but his sword was too soft. Catshine suddenly transformed into a huge dragon and breathed lightning at the evil dragon. So, Casper attacked the evil dragon with his sword. Catshine super—charged the sword but the evil dragon got away. They all went back home to see judge Pao. Judge Pao said: "Do you guys have more clues about the case?" Before Casper reply, Mr Gongsung came into the room. Then he said, "Are you guys going on a mission". Yes, can I go, said Casper. Yes, said judge Pao. Then, they went back to the cave and saw the evil dragon again. Mr. Gongsung charged and killed the evil dragon eventually.

Kownloon Tong School (Primary Section), Chow, Choi Ying - 9

One night, I fell asleep and dreamed of a judge whose name was Pao Zheng.

In the dream I walked out of a small hut in the dark, looking for someone to check where am I. Suddenly, I saw a sedan of an officer coming and his servants held a sign that says "Pao". The sedan stopped. A man with a thick long beard came out of the sedan and walked towards me. He asked "Little girls, why are you all alone here so late at night? Where are your parents?" I was shocked and thinking of how to answer this question. It is not a good idea to tell them I came in Year 2022. "He is judge Pao. Don't worry, we are here to help." Said one of his servants. "Judge Pao, I got lost. I fell asleep in a carriage, then I came here!" Judge Pao answered "You are in Kai Feng." I thought, was I in the movie of judge Pao? I asked "Are you the famous judge?" "I guess you mean I am well known for being a fair judge." He replied. I thought, so was I in the Song dynasty? That doesn't make sense! "Are you worried? Your face is a little pale." He said. I answered "No, just a little dizzy because the carriage was bumpy." "You may stay at my house tonight, we will write your parents a letter tomorrow." He offered. I nodded. On the way to judge Pao's house, I asked him "May I ask you a few questions?" He nodded. First, I asked him how he became a judge. "That is not easy and no fast track. I studied hard when I was young. I learned to answer questions smarter each time I failed an examination. I succeed in the last examination I took and become a judge." He shared. Then I asked for the keys that help solve cases. He answered "Because I look for clues to the case. Just look closer for the clues and think harder for hints from the clues you had got." Finally, I asked "Can you teach me how to be famous like you?" He just smiled and patted my head. Then he went into his room.

The next morning, I sneaked out of judge Pao's house and looked for a way back to Year 2022. I went to the little hut where I came out last night. I peeked inside and found it was built with colourful crystals! I stepped inside but the floor sank! I screamed! Then I found myself waking up in my bed.

I was so happy to be home again! I went to mom and told her I had met Judge Pao! Mom thought it was just a dream. To me, it was an adventure.

I learned to be diligent and persistent from judge Pao. I also understand I have to look for clues and details to know the truth and to distinguish right from wrong.

Kownloon Tong School (Primary Section), Kwong, Abigail – 8

It was a sunny morning in December near Christmas, Kacey was playing on her skateboard when suddenly, she went too fast and things went blurry, she accidentally time traveled back in time to Song Dynasty!

"Oh Dear! What's happening?! where am I?" The sky was bright, and the village was filled with wooden huts instead of skyscrapers! Something was not right.

"Hi Sir, may I know what year it is today? And where am I?" Kacey asked one of the villagers, whose skin was dark, and had a white crescent shaped birthmark on his forehead.

"It's the year 1023, and we are in China." The villager said. Kacey thought the villager looked familiar, and suddenly remembered him as the legendary Judge Pao from her History class!

"Are you the legendary Judge Pao?" Kacey asked excitedly.

"Yes, I am Judge Pao. May I know where you are from?" Judge Pao asked curiously.

"I am from Hong Kong and I think I have time traveled from the year 2023 to here! Judge Pao, do you know if there's any way I could get back to my time?" Said Kacey frighteningly.

"There's a magic potion for time traveling to the past or to the future. I could give you a map to it." Said Judge Pao.

"Thank you, I will set off at once!" Said Kacey.

Kacey traveled deep into the forest where the hiding place of the potion is located. When Kacey got there, she couldn't find the potion!

"Oh no!" Kacey thought. She went back to the village and she told Judge Pao everything she discovered.

"I suspect the thief I caught earlier was the one who took the magic potion, which explains why he had been so secretive." Said Judge Pao.

Judge Pao took Kacey to see the thief, but it was too late! The prison cell was empty, the thief had dug out a tunnel and escaped!

"We must hurry across the tunnel, I think it leads to the thief's hideout!" Said Judge Pao.

The tunnel was dark and wet, so Judge Pao took out his Imperial Sword, and used its magical power to light up the tunnel! With the help of the magical Imperial Sword, they continued to race across the zigzag tunnel. At last, they reached the end of it.

"We found it, Kacey! It is the thief's hideout!" Said Judge Pao.

Kacey immediately saw the potion on the table, glowing brightly in the hideout. Without wasting a moment, Kacey drank it. She shouted "Goodbye Judge Pao and thanks for your help!".

Things began to look blurry, and Kacey found herself back in the modern world in a flash. The street was filled with skyscrapers once again, and she heard her phone ringing inside her pocket!

"Kacey! Where have you been? It's time for dinner!" Said her mum over the phone.

"OK Mum, I'm coming home now!" Replied Kacey, and she thought what a strange day she had!

Kownloon Tong School (Primary Section), Liang, Hoi Yu – 8

One day a little girl named Siri is getting water from a tank, she looked inside and accidently fell into it and entered a mysterious story.

After Siri fell, she saw a tall man with an oval—face and his eyebrows were thick. His forehead has a half moon, then she realized that he was Judge Bao, the famous judge in the history of China. She knew that because her teacher Ms Chan taught in class about Judge Bao yesterday morning. Judge Bao asked Siri "Why are you stay here alone, little girl?" Scary Siri replied"I just accidently fell into the well and trapped here." After that the poor little girl started to cry sadly. But Judge Bao is a kind person and he comforted her and said, "Don't worry! I can help you to find way home."

Later, they passed a pond with fish and frogs in it. Near the pond under a tall and beautiful tree, an old man with white beard on it. It was Li Bai, the famous poet. He was writing a new poetry and was double checking. Judge Bao asked, "Li Bai do you want to join us to help this little girl to find a way home to see his family." Li Bai felt excited and said, "wow! Another adventure counts me in." After that those three girls and boys set off by looking for clues. After looking a little while, they saw a big sign said, "Party Town".

In the town they saw mice all over the place and one of the mice who were wearing a tippet and a crown came out of the castle and said, "Welcome to Party town, all guests are welcome to have fun in this amazing place." Siri was hidden at the back of Li Bai. She was scared of these ugly mice. Judge Bao comforted her. Then they went inside, but the town is so small. There are 1 more floor in this little building. There is one more level left before she could get home. In this level there is a place called "Candy Village", the village is full of candys to enjoy. The King of Candy Village saw them and said, "welcome to Candy Village, there are many candies for you to enjoy, if you like them, you can buy some home, but remember don't be jealous of our candies."

Siri looked around and saw a magic mirror, Siri looked inside and saw her house. Siri walked into the mirror and "poop" went Siri and she is outside the well again. "Wow what an exciting adventure, I want to do it again!" said Siri.

Kownloon Tong School (Primary Section), Zhang, Shenghan – 8

Judge Pao was a famous and intelligent detective who could do deductions very well. He had a beard on his face and the color of his skin was dark. Judge Pao was pretty busy almost everyday. But one day, something weird happened.

One day, when Judge Pao was working while he heard a sizzling sound. He wanted to find where the sound came from, but there was no result. Suddenly, a big black hole opened and a fat blue object came out. Judge Pao was scared. He wanted to run away to hide but it was too late. The blue object grabbed him rudely and threw him into the hole. "Ouch!" cried Judge Pao. He noticed that he was in a big box. He looked carefully at the blue object. He screamed "Blue civet cat!" The blue object shouted back "I am not a civet cat! I am a cat type robot from future! My name is Doraemon!" Doraemon said that there will be a problem that no one can solve in the twenty—second century. Judge Pao's special ability will be required in hurry. It will not be enough although Doraemon and all the people know the most advanced technology in twenty two century.

When they were there, Doraemon told Judge Pao the president of Japan had been killed by someone yesterday. The police had been searching for the criminal until now but they couldn't find the one. They found that there was a famous detective who can always find the answers of any questions without any technology in the past. That detective had been known by everyone. The detective was Judge Pao. Judge Pao also needed to know how to control some scientific machines. Doraemon introduced a DNA machine to Judge Pao. Judge Pao looked puzzled because he had never seen DNA before. Doraemon introduced many machines as well.

Doraemon took him to the scene of the crime when Judge Pao could control the machine well. That was the president's house. It was enormous. In the middle of the house, there was a person lying on the floor with blood around him. Judge Pao took out "Sherlock Holmes T-shirt" that Doraemon gave him. It would help him to notice some footprints and tiny clues if he wore it. He saw a drop of blood and a knife mark too. Suddenly, Judge Pao jumped up and said, "I know what happened!" Everyone jumped up and said, "What?"

Judge Pao said that it was the driver who drove the president. The driver went into the house of the president and killed him by a knife in the room.

Everyone gasped. The police rode on the police car and drove the car to the taxi station. Judge Pao had never seen cars before, so he said "The 'Iron Boxes' can move!" Everybody laughed. Then, Doraemon sent him back to where he came from. Doraemon said "Bye bye and thank you very much!"

### The Loyalty Verdict

Maryknoll Convent School (Primary Section), Chow, Man Hei Hailey – 8

"Pak, Pak, Pak, Pak Be Quiet, Be solemn..."

Down the deep, dark and never—ending tunnel, there seemed to be a serious court judgement going on. The court was hoisted by Judge Pao dressed in a black Sung dynasty cloak and sit seriously on the Judge stand. The audience was murmuring and whispering among themselves.

"What would be the final verdict?" The crowd was curiously discussing.

"How come the Dog is brought to this court?.....The audience appeared to have so different opinions and views.

When we look at the offender stand, you would not be surprised about these discussions. While we were expecting the offender to be a man or woman, but, to our absolute astonishment, it is A DOG!

The dog named Jack was put in the heaven court. Jack was dressed in a brown ancient warrior arms. Jack was trembling and panting. He was tremendously scared and nervous.

"May I ask for your mercy?" Begging from Jack.

"You have the longest list of offences I had seen. You had urinated in public, barked to peoples and bit the strangers. The most serious one was your daily night—barking had been causing noise pollution to the city 's neighbourhood." Judge Pao listed out in the details the various and never—ending lists of offences Jack had committed during his earth. "Such deadly sins he had caused?.....The audience was furious after hearing the offences Jack made.

"Sentence him death to hell!" One of audience shouted.

"Solemn, Solemn....." Judge Pao shouted out. He was thinking and thinking deeply and seriously. He has never come across such a difficult verdict.

Judge Pao has been exercising Law in Heaven of human for so long, however, he has not come across to judge the offence of a Dog. He understood it had been the dog's nature to bark, bit and wee.

Contrary, he also felt that there might be hidden reasons behind the "Obvious offence". With the compassion of Judge Pao, he decided to give Jack one last chance.

"Jack, let me give you one last chance. If you can stay quiet and stop barking, you would be spared of your sufferings. If you fail, you will have to send to hell forever." Judge Pao said.

"Yes, my Lord. Let me try." Jack answered.

You may wonder why Judge Pao choose such a 'stay quiet' game. It has been a long time ago, Jack used to have a loving owner, General Jacky, who was a great warrior of China in Sung Dynasty. Jack and General Jacky used to be warrior fighters supporting each other and guarding the Great Wall.

Jack had never been a quiet dog as he was commanded to bark away the enemies, and he was a loyal partner for the General. At the last fight, Jack and the General Jacky sacrificed their life to safeguard China from the attack of the enemies.

Therefore, when Judge Pao commanded Jack to this challenge of staying quiet, it should be quite impossible.

Suddenly in the split moment of magic, the spirit of General Jacky appeared in the court.

"Jack, stay quiet and listen to my command" General Jacky instructed.

"Yes, General!" Jack obeyed and stayed absolutely quiet and stood with solute to the General.

Finally, the two warriors cuddled and reunited.

"Finally, finally, Jack, you are set free, as you are the most loyal Dog I had ever seen! Now, go with General Jacky and guard the Castle of Heaven forever and ever.! Judge Pao gave the final sentence.

Everyone in the court was cheering, weeping and hugging. There were happy tears in the audience.

Even now, Jack had been guarding in gate of the Castle of Heaven, where he could stay loyally with General Jacky ever and after.

### The Lightning Judge

Maryknoll Convent School (Primary Section), Lee, Hei Yiu Skyla – 6

Long ago, Zeus and Themis gave birth to Dike the goddess of Justice on Mount Olympus. Dike was born a mortal so Zeus sent her to the Earth in order to keep mankind just. She went to China and fell in love with a mortal. They were married and gave birth to Bao Ching.

"Is it a boy, or is it a girl? Tell me please!" asked Dike.

"Oh my god! It is black!" The nurse shrieked.

Dike's mind exploded with questions. Why is my baby black? She brought the baby to Mount Olympus seeking for the answer.

"I am not sure of mortal things," Zeus said. "But I can teach your son a superpower." He then taught Bao Ching the skill of lightning. One time, he got struck by a small bolt and it made a moon scar on his forehead. He also learned justice because he wanted to be a judge. It took him twenty years!

Bao started missing his father so he went back to China. He studied hard in Chinese, English, Math and General Studies. He finally became a judge. His first case was about two friends, Lucy and Rose, who were fighting for a Harry Potter book. They went to the court and tried to seek a solution.

"Lucy, what is the problem?" Bao asked.

"Sir, this book is mine, she stole it from me! Remember that I love reading way more than Rose does?" Lucy replied.

"But, Lucy, we bought this book together! And – "Rose began. "Rose, that does not mean you get the book! And we can't get another copy because it's sold out!" Lucy snapped.

Bao tried to test their knowledge of the book to see who was telling lies. "Where does Harry study?" Bao asked.

"Hogwarts!" Lucy and Rose answered in unison.

"Who are Harry's best friends?" Bao asked.

"Hermione and Ron!" they asserted with confidence.

"Do you know the disarming charm?" "Expelliarmus!" they blurted.

Bao was completely frustrated because no one was wrong. He could not decide who would get the book. "Slice the book in half!" someone shouted. "No, they can't finish the story if we did it." Bao said.

Suddenly, Bao remembered what Zeus taught him. He looked up and immediately the sky was filled with lightning. "If you don't tell the truth, this lightning bolt will hit you." Bao said. Ka—boom! The bolt hit the ceiling and it broke apart! Rose and Lucy shrieked while everyone ran for shelter! Then the lightning was over except for the place where Rose was standing. "I am wrong! This book is Lucy's! She paid for it. The book was so interesting but it was sold out! I couldn't get a copy. I am so sorry!"

The lightning vanished.

"Rose, I will share my book with you. No worries." Lucy said.

Bao was very happy after he solved the first case. He kept on using the skill of lightning and became the best judge in China.

#### Mike the Mouse Who Made a Friend

Maryknoll Convent School (Primary Section), Wang, Hei Tung Ashley – 6

One day, Mike the Mouse wet out for a walk. After he walked for a while, he was hungry. He walked two more steps forward. Mike saw an apple tree. He climbed on the apple tree and ate some apples. When he was full, Mike fell asleep on the apple tree.

When he woke up, he climbed down from the apple tree and saw a cat. The cat was angry that Mike ate many apples, so they began to fight. Just then, Judge Pao passed by, and shouted, "Stop fighting! Let's talk about it!" Mike the mouse and the cat stopped fighting. Judge Pao said to the cat, "Cat, Mike needs to eat more apples so that he would grow bigger and fatter. He would run slowly then, and it will be easier for you to catch him!" The cat then laughed sneakily and nodded. Then Judge Pao said to Mike, "Mike, you ate so many apples. How about doing some exercise now? Come, have a run with me!" Mike smiled and ran along with Judge Pao.

Next, they ran up the hill and saw a duck pond. Mike was tired, so he sat beside the duck pond. After three minutes, one leader duck and four little ducks swam up the pond, and said, "Hello! Can we be friends?" Mike said, "Yes! Let's play!" The ducks said, "Let's go to my house to play." Mike said, "But I don't know how to swim." Then Judge Pao said, "I have an idea! How about sitting on the back of the leader duck and let it carry you?" Mike hoorayed, "Fantastic!" So, Mike sat on the leader duck's back and the ducks dived in the water with the mouse.

Mike and the ducks found a little bridge and a chest of money and crowns. The ducks said, "You can have the crowns and money." So, Mike took two crowns and some money.

Finally, when Mike got home, he gave the money to Dad and Mum. Mike liked princesses and princes, so he put the crowns on his and his sister's heads and did a princess and prince role play with his sister. Mike was very happy to make new friends, especially with Judge Pao today, because Judge Pao was very wise and kind, helping him all along the way. He hoped he could make more new friends in the future, and he could be as clever as Judge Pao.

As to the cat, later, it didn't stop any mouse from eating apples from the apple tree anymore. He waited until they were done eating and started to chase them. It was indeed easier for the cat to catch the mice then.

As to Judge Pao, he continued to travel around and helped different animals to solve their problems. Mike the Mouse followed him and asked to become Judge Pao's little helper. Judge Pao agreed and they became friends. Then they two started new adventures together.

# An Unforgettable Day with Judge Pao

Maryknoll Convent School (Primary Section), Wong, Hei Yu Gianna – 8

It was a sun-drenched morning and I was running late. "Ouch!" I felt down. "What's that?" I was annoyed. I saw an archaic mirror just beside my feet. Suddenly, the mirror was gleaming with a bright light and I felt giddy and dizzy...

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When I woke up, I found that I was trapped into a body of a man. I looked around and found that I was standing in the middle of a court. In front of me was Justice Pao who was black as ink and had a new —moon shaped scar on his forehead.

"Are you complaining that Mr. Dong sold you a fake jade ring?" Justice Pao went on.

"Yes, the purple Jade ring that he sold us is fake," added the woman.

Justice Pao then invited the jewelry appraiser to check and thus, verified that the ring was fake!

"No, it's not possible! I swear I wouldn't sell any fake item!" yelled Mr. Dong.

"Quiet! We need to go further investigation."

"The trail ends today," said Justice Pao.

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Miao was Mr. Pao's sister-in-law. Mr. Pao heard that Miao had a magnificent ring.

"Zhan Zhao, can you go to Miao's house to investigate?" commanded Justice Pao.

"Sure, sir!"

Zhao went to Miao's house secretly at night and discovered that the ring was exactly the same as Mr. Dong's. He reported all his finding to Justice Pao.

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"Wae... Woo..." The trial continued again.

Justice Pao asked Zhao to bring Miao to the court.

"Miao, can you tell us how you got this ring?" asked Justice Pao suspiciously.

"It's from my friend," replied Miao.

"You are lying, Miao! This ring has a mark on the back which already proved that it was from Mr. Dong's shop," said Justice Pao.

"You must be responsible for your fault and get imprisoned for 2 years..."

Meanwhile I felt dizzy again...

When I opened my eyes, I found that I was sitting on the chair of my school and I saw my best friend, Claire, who was cutting Jamie's school bag with her scissors! I couldn't imagine that Claire was such a naughty girl! Then Claire walked over to me and murmured, "Shh... please don't tell anybody..."

I didn't respond. How could I choose between justice and friendship?

Suddenly, a loud voice interrupted my thinking.

"What's happening?" Miss Lam asked.

I froze in fear and still wondered what to do.

At this very moment, the mirror shone again and caught my eyes. The scenes of the trial of Justice Pao recured in my brain. With all my courage, I told Miss Lam all I saw. Miss Lam then punished Claire. She was so angry and no longer be my best friend since then.

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That night, when I looked at the mirror again, I saw Justice Pao appeared in the mirror and praised me. Until today, I still kept the mirror in my pocket to remind myself to be an honest and altruistic person with integrity, just like Justice Pao.

Marymount Primary School, Chan, Chloe Caroline – 6

Judge Pao! Judge Pao! Sweets are lost! And it's 10p each they cost! Please! Please! We need more dimes! Remember, Pao, we all have fines!

Wong Chen was a great guy. He owned a glorious sweet shop. One day, a worker went to Wong Chen's desk and cried, "Wong! Help! The Glorious Gum, Silly Sugar, Magnificent Milk-Yogurt and LOL lollies are gone!"

"Huh? Why?" asked Wong Chen.

The worker replied "We rushed for our lunch lolly plus Silly Santa Snack, and when we returned, we only saw the Goodie Gummies!"

"How about the Lime Lemons?" All gone!! Wong Chen gasped.

He went to Judge Pao. "My sweets were stolen! I only know a Santa Claus got it, but there are ten of them! The stolen sweets have glitter."

Judge Pao ordered the Santas to come. "Open your red socks!" Ordered Judge Pao. He saw that the sweets from the nine Santas had sparkling sprinkles, while one had glitters.

"You! First, you will be whipped, next go to Poison Prison and lastly, on March 26th you will be beheaded!" said Judge Pao.

The Santa, Li Mi Fat, who had glitters in his red sock was crying, so Pao said, "Fine, no death!"

Li Mi Fat was so happy, he bowed and said "Thank you, your honour. I really appreciate it!"

"No problem, it's part of my job!" Pao replied.

Li Mi Fat asked "Can I go to Jolly Jail? It is because actually it's Cheung who told me to steal!"

"So I shouldn't arrest you!" cried Judge Pao. "Guards, bring Cheung here at once!"

When guards brought Cheung to the court, Cheung stammered, "W-W-What's happening, M-Mr... S-Sir... P-P-Pao...?"

"You know!" said strict Pao, quite madly and sternly. "Poison Prison for you!"

"N-no, Sir. I beg you! Sorry, Lord." Cheung begged.

"My decision is made! Guards, take him!" mocked Pao.

Because of Judge Pao's fairness and righteousness, he is known as "Pao Ching Tien".

Judge Pao! Judge Pao!

He is not mean or foul!

He is just incredibly smart!

But he doesn't really have a crescent moon birthmark....

St. Joseph's Primary School, Chu, Tsz Yui Kingston – 9

Today was the beginning of the test week and as usual, I was taking bus to school. I was a bit late and hopefully there wouldn't be anything unexpected during the ride. Although I didn't prepare the test well, I still wanted to give it a try.

With the rumbling sound of bus engine, my eyelids were getting heavier. All of a sudden I found myself in a room with ancient Chinese decoration. There was a fair—skinned scholar looking up at the ceiling and talking to himself. I believed that I had to be in a dream and that man had to be the dream guardian.

"This case is complicated. I wish someone from the above could give me some guidance." The dream guardian mumbled.

"Excuse me, can you show me the way out? I need to go back as soon as possible." I asked nicely because I didn't want to oversleep and miss my stop.

The dream guardian turned his head and looked at me. He didn't seem surprised to see me, instead he was more like expecting to see me. "My wish was granted! From his outfit, this boy must be a delegate of the God, if not the God himself. I need his advice." He thought.

"My name is Pao Zheng. People here called me Judge Pao. You just arrived but why are you in such a rush?"

Isn't he the dream guardian? But what confused me more was what he said. Shouldn't Pao Zheng be a dark—toned man with a crescent moon birthmark on the forehead? Besides, I could neither locate the iconic guillotines nor the imperial sword.

"No offence but you aren't Pao Zheng, not at all." I was getting annoyed and wanted to end this desperately.

Pao flushed angrily. "This brat, NO, this God must be trying to assess if I am worthy enough before giving me a hand. I have to be calm yet assertive." He thought.

"I am who I am, and I will always be. The door is there but please shed some light to my humble question before leaving. Justice or compassion? If you can only choose one." He said with a deep voice.

It sounded like "guilty or not guilty" to me ears and I hated to be interrogated. I had to kill this with an out-of-the-box answer!

"Justice and compassion can coexist, as long as you have an upright heart." I said confidently and walked towards the door, while Pao was pondering on my words and nodding.

Behind the door was a long corridor and at the end, I felt light entering my eyelids. It was the sunlight at the end of the cross—harbour tunnel and I was still on the bus heading to school.

After I settled down from the surreal adventure, I started to think about my upcoming test. I couldn't help thinking that this test wouldn't be an easy one and I wish someone up there could give me some guidance.

St. Joseph's Primary School, Li, Zachary – 9

On a rainy morning, a group of students crowded around a sheepish boy who was trembling with fear.

The boy is Kingsley, a new student in Grade 3. His parents died in a devastating accident recently. Since then, Kingsley has become very quiet and lugubrious. After his parents' death, Kingsley was brought to Hong Kong by his grandparents.

"I didn't do it!" Kingsley wailed.

The students hollered, "The message has your email address on it! How can you deny?"

They showed Miss Miles the message apparently sent from Kingsley's email which said, "I want your cell phone. Meet me on the sidewalk after school today or I will show you my true colors!"

"This is outrageous Kingsley! I will let the principal know and we will decide whether you should be expelled after your detention today!" Miss Miles said sternly.

After watching all the students leave the school happily for the weekend, Kingsley sat in the detention room silently. Through the glass window, Kingsley saw a tall, dark and confident looking boy practising a speech. He could tell right away that was Jeremy Pao, the phenomenal Head Boy and the captain of the school's debate team. His father, Judge Pao, is a well—respected judge and Pao is expected to follow in his father's footsteps. Despite his background and achievements, Pao is surprisingly pleasant and humble.

Feeling desperate, Kingsley boldly approached Pao after the detention hoping he could save him from his misery.

After a brief introduction, Kingsley told Pao about the email. Pao studied it carefully then said to Kingsley, "If you don't mind, I will ask you a few questions. Do you trust me?"

"Of course!" Kingsley replied without hesitation.

"Where is your birthplace?"

"Surrey in the UK." Kingsley replied.

"Can you spell the word 'metre"?"

"M-E-T-R-E," Kingsley answered.

"What about the word 'favourite'?"

"Stop taunting me! It's fine, if you don't want to help," Kingsley said desperately.

"Just answer me," said Pao.

"Fine! F-A-V-O-U-R-I-T-E," Kingsley replied.

Pao pondered for a moment then said firmly, "I believe you Kingsley. I will help you explain to the principal that you're innocent."

Kingsley could not believe his luck. He quickly followed Pao to the principal's office.

"Sir, Kingsley is innocent. The way the word "colour" was spelt as "C-O-L-O-R" and how the words "cell phone" and "sidewalk" were used clearly shows that the email was written by someone who uses American English. Kingsley was born and brought up in the UK and I have asked Kingsley to spell a few words, he spelt them all as British people do. It is quite clear Kingsley was not the author of the email." Pao explained.

"This is brilliant Pao! Remember no one is too insignificant in the eye of justice. You have gone the extra mile to help and speak up for those who seem insignificant. Do keep this spirit in your heart at all times in honour of your father, the infamous Judge Pao!" praised the principal.

St. Margaret's Coeducational English Secondary and Primary School, Fok, Renee – 9

Once upon a time, during the lesson there was a student who went to the toilet but then she has been in the toilet for about an hour, but she has still not come back.

The teacher told her classmates to look for her in the toilet, but the toilet was empty!

They looked all over the school but he was nowhere to be seen!

So the teacher called the detective judge Pao to search for her.

When judge Pao arrived, he asked for the student profile he could look at, and the student is actually called Daisy. she is 9 years old and was very nice. She also loves reading.

Judge Pao went to find some evidence, he found some footprints .

He followed the footprints then found a precious jar of gold but where is Daisy?

Judge Pao then said "maybe she went to the library because the student profile said she loves reading."

So they all went to the library to search for Daisy. They even asked the librarian.

But... it was no use the little girl was nowhere to be found!

Judge Pao then said "wait... is it about the jar of gold we found earlier?

They went back to where they found the jar of gold, then looked at it carefully.

They looked in the gold and found on of them were opened! And there was a little note inside.

The note was from Daisy! The note said "I am Daisy, I made this scary and exiting adventure for you congratulations! The jar of gold belongs to now, I will be waiting for you in the classroom.

Judge Pao and the students grabbed the jar of gold and rushed back to greet Daisy, they were very happy that Daisy was found.

At last they added that Daisy loves adventures in the student profile.

#### The Kidnapper

St. Margaret's Coeducational English Secondary and Primary School, Huang, Sum Yu Brittany – 7

One day, Judge Pao and his fellow protecters were travelling to a country to visit the King. Then they came to a grassy field and stopped. "What's the matter?" asked Judge Pao worriedly. "Two women are fighting, my Lord," said the man who was leading the carriage. "Lead us to them," said Judge Pao. "Please stop them." "Stop! Stop!" yelled the man. "The Lord was passing your road." "Explain why you're fighting," thundered Judge Pao. "Women have no reason to fight." "My Lord, this is Menette," said a lady dressed in purple. "This woman – this kidnapper captured my daughter." "No, I didn't," screeched the other lady. "I am Kaylee, Lord." "Yes, you did!" said Menette. "You have my daughter's hair in your hands." "Oh, please calm down," said Judge Pao. "Let's rest at a house. Then you'll go to the court to deny who's right, who's wrong. Menette, can you tell us what your daughter looks like?" "Thank you, my Lord!" said Menette gratefully. "My daughter got long blonde hair, who was special at this village, round big—eyes and a blue ribbon tied around her slender waist. Her skin is a pale light white. Like a white rose." "Thank you!" said Judge Pao curtly. "Mr Gongsun, scribble down the details." Kaylee scowled furiously. "Look here, Judge Pao, this hair is black, not blonde." Menette snapped. "It is just the reflection of light." Judge Pao peered closely. "Whatever the situation is, we go and stay in an inn first, say more tomorrow."

Judge Pao wandered in the area they stopped. A long blonde hair and blue ribbon laid on the ground. "Ahh!" whispered Judge Pao. "Good morning, everyone," said Judge Pao. "Want to look at this?" He held up the ribbon and hair lightly. Menette gasped. Kaylee looked worried. "Well, any suitable reason for this? Especially when you were there, Kaylee." Kaylee tried to retort but she closed her mouth. Soon, Menette and her daughter were happily reunited, and Judge Pao continued his journey.

"Thank you, Judge Pao," said Menette happily, while cuddling her daughter closely in her arms. "Bye, Mr Judge Pao," called Menette's daughter happily, tickling her mother, Menette. "Er, Judge Pao?" asked Menette. "What will you do about Kaylee?" "She will be beat twelve times on her back," said Judge Pao severely, looking serious. "She deserves it, after all, kidnapping people is a serious crime. I'm sure the King will agree to this." Menette and her little young daughter nodded their heads, in awe of Judge Pao. Menette's daughter gave Judge Pao an embroidered woolly hat as a thank you gift. "Thank you!" said Judge Pao. And so, the carriage set off, Menette and her daughter waving, arms around each other, eyes full of tears of happiness. Judge Pao is a great man. We should learn from his calmness, wisdom and intelligence. Then we will learn from the wrong things and learn what's the right thing.

#### Judge Pao and the Riddle Thief

St. Margaret's Coeducational English Secondary and Primary School, Siu, Yee Nok Arnold – 7

Once upon a time, Judge Pao was inside his house cleaning the floor when suddenly a thin man burst into his house. He said "Master Pao, I need your help! All my food in my home is gone!" Then, Judge Pao said "When did that happen?" He replied "At night, me and my son were sleeping as usual. Then when we woke up, I went to the kitchen and found out all our food was gone!" And Judge Pao asked "Can I go to your house?" He nodded his head.

When Judge Pao reached the man's house, the man proudly introduced himself. "My name is Ausaem. My wife is Sonilan, and the kid is Tom." Judge Pao searched the whole house, kept searching and searching until he found a crumb the size of a finger on the floor. Hungry Tom tried to pick the crumb and eat it, but before Tom touched it, Ausaem quickly screamed, "Don't eat it! The floor's not completely clean!" Tom got scared for a second and Judge Pao said, "The thief needs to touch the food to steal it, so the thief's fingerprint is most likely on the crumb..."Judge Pao used his magnifying glass to examine the fingerprint and said "Can I borrow your phone please?" And Ausaem nodded. Judge Pao took his phone and downloaded "Fingerprint scanner", scanned the fingerprint and checked the person who touched the crumb. "The crumbs are on a line. If we follow the food crumbs, we should find the thief." They all follow the crumbs.

Finally, they reached a room. They continued and Ausaem bumped a wall. "Ouch!" He said. He looked at the wall, and a question and keyboard was on the wall. The question was "What happens once a minute, twice a moment but never in a thousand years?" Everyone looked at each other (except Judge Pao) and screamed "It's impossible!" "Stop screaming!" said Judge Pao. "Look at the question and find clues. It is quite special that there is a 'moment', and minute, moment and thousand years had an odd one. Look at the first letter of each word, and what's the difference?" Everyone shouted "The letter M!" Judge Pao typed "The letter M" And the door opened. Everyone follows the crumbs again and another question door is here. "What?!" said Ausaem. "Another question?!" This time the question was "If you take out the whole of me, then there will be some left. Who am I?" Before everyone screams "It's impossible" again, Judge Pao quickly said "This time you should know that some words can be separated like over + flow, and if you remove [whole] into a word, there will be [some] left. Then what is it?" Everyone paused for a moment, and said "Wholesome!" as Judge Pao typed it. The door opened, and everyone followed the crumbs. Ausaem, Sonilan and Tom's eyes fell out as they saw a wall with some words, they thought "AnOtHeR qUeStIoN dOoR?!" This time, the question was 'How is a new 100 dollar worth more than a new one?' Judge Pao said "A new 100 dollar is, of course, the same as a new 100 dollar. But, the question said "a new one", not "a hundred dollars. So what's the difference?" And everyone said, "100 dollars is more than 1 dollar!" So Judge Pao typed it, and the door opened. They continued following the crumbs and they saw a man inside a room with a huge bag of food. Ausaem immediately shouted, "Give me that bag, you thief!" And the thief said, "I bought this stuff, and I'm not a thief!" And Ausaem let the thief see the fingerprint app in his smartphone, and called the police. Finally, the riddle thief is caught.

#### The Incredible Story of how Judge Pao became a Detective

St. Margaret's Coeducational English Secondary and Primary School, Yip, Cherie – 7

When Pao was eight, he did not want to go to school because he was worried that other students would bully him by calling him "Fat Pao" as he was chubby. His mom still needed Pao to go to school because his mom did not have much time to take care of him.

Pao's mom lost her job and his dad left him before he was born so he has never seen his dad before. Pao and his mom had to live on a farm to make a living.

On the first day of the new school term, Pao said bye to his mom at the school gates and met his classmates. His classmates were very rich and as expected, bullied Pao by calling him "Fat Pants" and by putting rubbish in his bag when Pao was not looking. This made Pao very upset.

But Pao's life was about to change. In the second semester, he went to a school camp at the Zhangjiajie National Forest for two days. While Pao was walking alone around the forest, he saw a crystal—clear pond. He looked at his reflection in the water and thought about his dad. Who is my dad? Why didn't mom talk about dad?

Suddenly, Pao noticed a little xiao long bao in the centre of the blue pond. He picked it up and unwrapped the wet skin and what he saw was incredible!

He saw the image of his dad on the xiao long bao saying: "I'm sorry, I can't see our son. I must leave, p lease take care of our son, goodbye." Then, Pao started to weep, but he wiped his tears off his face and decided to find his dad. He had to be prepared and so he ate an egg sandwich his mom prepared for him and took some leftovers. He left with the xiao long bao in his hands. It had a weird arrow on it and Pao believed it was a map to find his dad.

He walked for hours along concrete roads following the sign until his feet had blisters. Not long after, he found himself on a road called "Rich Road". Pao saw many tall mansions and he guessed that it was a place where rich people lived. He was exhausted, but he continued walking.

The xiao long bao led him to another road called: "Justice Road". The houses looked comfortable and peaceful.

The last place led Pao to a luxurious building and he went up a fancy lift and went to block number one. He knocked on the glass door softly and a tall man opened the door and said: "Hello, who are you?" Pao answered nervously: "I am Pao. I think you are my dad. You left me a long time ago". With a white face, the tall man cried yes.

From that moment on, Pao realized that miracles can happen from small things like a xiao long bao. Pao worked hard at school so he could make as much money as he could so his mom could have a better life.

Ten years later, Pao became a detective because his intuition helped him find his dad and he never gave up. The clues have helped Pao through his journey and now, Pao will continue to help others in their journey.

#### Scorch Removal

St. Margaret's Coeducational English Secondary and Primary School, Young, Teagan – 9

On a hot, Hong Kong sidewalk, Judge Pao set a trail of fragrant dim sum dishes and durian fruit which led to a large pot of pineapple rice with a web of infernal chains suspended above it.

These ghost—capturing chains had been forged from the rarest elements by Judge Pao, Yama Judge of Hell's Infernal Bureaucracy. Its links were forged from: the reflection of a cooling pool in Hell; the voice of mercy in Hell; and, the purr of a satisfied, sepulcher cat.

Why was Judge Pao here? Who was he catching?

First, Judge Pao judges the living and the dead. Second, Scorch was a ghost who'd escaped from Hell because Hell's Gatekeeper had forgotten to shut the small, Hong Kong-facing side gate to the mortal world.

When Scorch was a mortal he'd burned an apartment with a family inside—so his punishment was to be eternally burned with Hellfire to feel his victims' pain. Scorch's descendants were humiliated by his crime. They never gave food offerings—so Scorch starved while burning in Hell.

Stumbling upon the open side gate to the mortal world, Scorch returned to Hong Kong to sate his infernal hunger.

Scorch's belly sizzled Hong Kong's sidewalks with his punishing Hellfire as he guzzled up food offerings left by Hong Kong families for their dead.

The ghosts—and Hong Kong families—were furious that their offerings were stolen and they complained to Judge Pao. But Scorch realized, when his hunger was reduced, that he was condemning other ghosts to the same misery he had endured—and Scorch burned not from his Hellfire bindings, but from shame.

Judge Pao, receiving outraged complaints of Hell-bent offering thefts, investigated and discovered that Scorch had escaped. He went to capture Scorch.

That was why Judge Pao was setting a fragrant trap on a Hong Kong street.

Scorch was still stealing food offerings but now intended to sneak back into Hell and deliver the full, earthly offerings to other ghosts, because he wanted to become better—and fresh, mortal offerings were far finer and more substantial than burnt offerings.

Then Scorch smelled the best offerings of all. Yummy, fragrant dim sum, durian, and pineapple rice!

Scorch sped to Judge Pao's amazing pile of offerings to gather them all when, while he scooped up the pineapple rice, the ghost-catching chains fell, trapping him. Scorch wriggled, writhed, squirmed, and spun but couldn't escape.

Judge Pao yelled "I have you, Scorch! You'll return to Hell!" but the infernal chains melted and Scorch zoomed away.

Judge Pao was confused. Only a desire to revive others, be merciful, and offer kindness could dissolve those infernal chains...

Judge Pao searched and found Scorch, again, sneaking back into Hell.

Unseen, Judge Pao watched as Scorch gave the fresh, earthly offerings to ghosts who'd received no offerings. Scorch soothed the poorest ghosts' hunger, mercifully lessening their suffering.

Understanding now why the chains hadn't held Scorch, and how Scorch had changed, Judge Pao re-sentenced Scorch—to the Celestial Kingdom.

St. Paul's Co-educational College Primary School, Chung, Ching Luke – 9

Judge Pao had a banana shaped birthmark on his forehead. Although it sounded peculiar, Judge Pao had a special connection to bananas. One day, when Judge Pao was about to eat a banana, the banana glowed brightly, blinding him. He leaned closer for an inspection and found himself swirling around. His vision went blurry and he distantly smelt the fragrance of bananas.

"Bello! Bello!" The Minions chanted as they welcomed Judge Pao to the Kingdom of Banana. The Minions were workers and they had served the Kingdom for decades. A Minion led Judge Pao to the throne. There sat a worried King and Queen of the Banana Kingdom. They said that their beloved Prince of Banana was kidnapped this morning, and was last seen at this hall. They were desperate and teleported Judge Pao to the Kingdom to investigate. Judge Pao asked, "Your Majesty, can you please tell me who went into this room in the morning?" The King said, "There are three Minions looking suspicious this morning. Firstly, I saw Jerry the chef with his cookbooks. He was drooling when he read the recipe of Foamy Caramel Banana Milkshake. He must be longing to taste the muscular flesh of the Prince. Secondly, I saw Tom the gardener was planting some small, black seeds at the balcony with a wicked glint in his eye. When I asked him what seeds they were, his face went red and spluttered. It looked like Tom had a secret to cover. Lastly, Stuart the janitor came in to sweep the floor although it was spotless already. What should we do now?"

Judge Pao stroked his beard and thought of a plan. He gave each suspects a magic book and said, "Please keep this magic book for a night. Come back here tomorrow and the invisible ink will reveal who kidnapped the Prince. Remember, don't rub off the invisible ink!"

The next day, the suspects came back with the magic books and Judge Pao immediately identified Jerry the chef was the kidnapper. "Look at Jerry's book! The pages are full of holes. As I secretly put some water on the pages earlier, the rubbing friction created some big holes when he tried to erase. There is no magic here. All I did was to test their honesty. Jerry is the kidnapper! Seize him!" Jerry rubbed his giant tummy and yelled, "It's too late! The Prince, in the form of milkshake, is already being digested in my stomach."

There is nothing that Judge Pao cannot do. He turned into the immortal Yama, magicked the Prince out of Jerry's tummy. He said, "It's time to go, I have to go to the Department of Hell to help the ghosts to solve their mysteries now."

Judge Pao punished Jerry by chopping off and mincing his head, under the crime of kidnapping the Prince of Banana. That night, Judge Pao devoured his spaghetti "Minionese" (Bolognese) gleefully.

St. Paul's Co-educational College Primary School, Ho, Hang Kiu Valerie – 6

Last Friday, Valerie watched an old movie. It was related to a righteous judge in China, called Pao Zheng. He despised corruption. He always helped people find justice. When Valerie was enjoying the movie and putting a handful of popcorn into her mouth, her magic eyeglasses began to glow. The eyeglasses took her back to Ancient China.

Valerie saw Judge Pao in his bedroom. He was ill and unable to go to work. He worried no one could help the innocents after his retirement. Therefore, he started to set up his own school, Young Judge School, to help kids learn to be good judges.

Many children wanted to join because Judge Pao was their idol. Among all, only the five smartest kids were chosen. They were excited. They talked eagerly about what they wanted to learn. Meanwhile, Valerie stood silently at the corner and whispered, 'I also want to attend this amazing school.' However, those children laughed rudely. 'Girls are not allowed to study. Only B\_O\_Ys!' 'Don't tease the poor girl.' said Chong. He was one of the chosen kids whose father was a doctor.

Later, Valerie talked with Judge Pao. 'That's not fair! Why can't girls study in schools? I also want to be a good judge. I promise I will do my best. Could you please give me a chance?' Judge Pao reconsidered and accepted her application.

Yet, to become a good judge was challenging. Students had to learn different technical skills. Besides, they had to learn to be fair, humble and persistent. Some kids dropped out as the program was too hard. Finally, only Valerie, Chong and Pak remained.

The student who performed the best in the examination would get the Young Judge Award. The exam was to find out the real mother of a baby. One day, two women came to the court. They both claimed they were the baby's mother. Judge Pao then asked the students to find out the truth.

Pak was hardworking but always nervous. 'If I were the baby, I would cry loudly when I lost my mom. So the woman who can stop the baby from crying is the real mother.' Unfortunately, this method was unsuitable because both women could not soothe the baby. Pak failed miserably.

Chong remembered his father told him that mother's and baby's blood can mix together. Therefore, he suggested taking some blood samples for examination. However, one woman cried and gave up. Chong then thought she was the liar. Unexpectedly, Valerie disagreed. She knew that only the real mother would have reacted selflessly, willing to give up her child rather than seeing him hurt.

After detailed investigation, Valerie was correct. She received the Young Judge Award. With the guidance of Judge Pao, she later became the first female Judge of China. Suddenly, her magic eyeglasses began to glow. The magic took her home. She heard her mom laughed 'Oh, how can you sleep on the sofa with the TV on and a mouth full of popcorn?'

St. Paul's Co-educational College Primary School, Lam, Yuet Hay Janus – 8

Opening his eyes, Antonio stared around the dimly lit place he was in. He was shocked and terrified, "Where am I? Why am I here?" A shiver ran down his spine.

Suddenly, a loud and serious voice echoed around the walls of the room. "Antonio Climo, Come over! Now!" Antonio blinked in surprise. Whose voice did it belong to? He waited for a second, until his eyes fixed in the dimness. He stood up and walked slowly towards a long work bench piled with heaps of documents. A serious—looking man was sitting in an old wooden chair.

Staring around the room and scanning every detail of it, Antonio gradually realised that he was in a courtroom. His gaze immediately fixed on the man in front of him. He was wearing a black suit with a giant hat on his head. There was a black wanning crescent on the man's forehead with a grey beard hanging on his chin. At that very moment, Antonio recognised that he was a judge!

Antonio quickly grasped a stool and sat down. He then burst out in confusion, "Who are you?" The man replied sternly, "I am Judge Pao and this is my courtroom. I work for the Department of Hell to decide who will be going to the Hell for their afterlife". Antonio interrupted, "Okay, even though I'm dead, I've done nothing wrong! I should be going to the heaven!"

"Oh, really?" Judge Pao questioned. Antonio lifted his chin. "I didn't do anything bad to the others. Neither did I hurt or bully anyone!" Judge Pao didn't utter a word but flipped his notebook and showed it to Antonio. "Yes, but you were such an environmentally unfriendly person to the Earth! When you were little, you used only one side of your paper for doodling. When you were young, you never switched off the lights when you left the house. Neither did you turn off the tap after use. When you had grown up, you always kept the windows open when the air—conditioners were never off."

"Oh bother, what's wrong with that? I can afford the bills!" Antonio jeered. "Money is not always the only bill that you have to pay!" exclaimed Judge Pao. "The way that you have been wasting the scarce resources of the Earth is such a threat to the natural environment. Don't you know that there are children from places around the world who are dying from thirst? Animals in the woods lost their home as you have been using the paper, wooden utensils, and tissue paper lavishly." Judge Pao continued. Antonio blushed as embarrassment flushed through his body.

"As a punishment, you shall be turned into a starving squirrel for the next ten years in the dying woods! It's time for you to feel the suffering and pain you have caused to the animals and plants!" Judge Pao announced.

Squeaking in protest, Antonio, who became a squirrel, had no choice but to hop unwillingly away to the dying woods.

#### Judge Pao and the Case of the Filthy Fingernails

St. Paul's Co-educational College Primary School, Yu, Ming Chun Ashton – 7

Judge Pao observed the scene, watching as his men rushed about, extinguishing the flames and helping the injured. Judge Pao had been woken up by a loud explosion on the edge of his military camp. Surveying the wreckage, Judge Pao watched the raging inferno in front of him. High in the sky, a pillar of smoke towered over Judge Pao, forcing him to shield his face from the incredible heat. As his soldiers raced around, they threw sand, dirt and water onto the flames and tended to the wounded. Clutching their gruesome injuries, the wounded men moaned and groaned in pain.

Judge Pao was told of some missing top—secret files that had been stolen during the commotion. Immediately, Judge Pao realized that the explosion was likely a diversion and called for a register. Upon finding out that all soldiers were present, Judge Pao deduced that the spy was likely in their midst and was unable to escape. He quickly called for an investigation.

The top—secret files were found in a tent that was occupied by three soldiers, and Judge Pao prepared them for questioning. He interrogated the first soldier, Li. Li claimed to be at the site of fire putting out the flames. The sleeves of his uniform were singed, and his hands were burnt and covered in blisters. The second soldier, Lau, was then questioned. Lau alleged that he had recently escaped from a Japanese prisoner of war camp and that he was at the site of fire saving lives. His wrists had signs of old wounds and the skin around his eyes were lighter from being blindfolded. His hands were also blistered and bleeding. The third soldier Wong said he was attending to the wounded. His uniform was covered in dried blood, and many other soldiers had seen Wong helping the others.

Judge Pao kept them in a holding cell while he thought about what he had heard.

Judge Pao stroked his beard while he pondered deeply. He was lost in thought when he found a way to determine the culprit. Recalling all the soldiers, he asked them to roll up their sleeves and showed their hands. After a thorough inspection, he saw that Li had sand and dirt under his fingernails and his hands had burns and blisters. Wong had the dried blood of other soldiers under his fingernails. However, Lau had gunpowder under his fingernails with many recent scars on his forearms and upper body. Judge Pao instantly realized that he was the guilty culprit.

In the end, Judge Pao arrested Lau and asked his reason for stealing the files. In tears, Lau explained desperately that he had been tortured at the hands of the Japanese. He was offered a choice between being a spy on the Chinese for the Japanese or would suffer a slow and painful death in the camp. Out of fear, Lau chose to live. Judge Pao heard him, but he ordered an execution on Lau to set an example for other spies and soldiers. A guillotine with a tiger's head was brought to the court.

As the sun began to set, just like all the other days, Judge Pao retreated to his private abode and prepared to turn into Yama for his role in the Afterlife.

#### A Piece of Cake is Missing, but Who Stole It?

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Chan, Shing Yan, Stella – 7

On a bright sunny day, we were having a birthday party. These are the people who were invited to the party, Misty, Brock, Judge Pao, Bruno (Judge Pao's son) and others. Everyone brought one Pokémon. They were very happy to join Ash's birthday party.

Judge Pao loves Bruno very much. During the weekend, they will go to the park and Judge Pao will teach Bruno how to ride bicycle. When Judge Pao goes shopping, his son will help out. They have a lovely relationship. Judge Pao thought Bruno will never lie and will always help others. In fact, Bruno does not do that at school but Judge Pao thinks his son is a good boy.

At the birthday party, the kids played hide—and—seek, tag, did face painting and a lot of other games. They were so happy but Bruno was very naughty. He pushed people inside the bouncy castle when the kids were jumping but nobody knew. He was not lining up in the face painting queue. Somebody saw and asked him to go to the back of the queue. Then he got angry, and shouted and pushed a girl onto a stool. She cried but was not hurt.

He used his hands to take a piece of birthday cake and ate it secretly. When it was time for the birthday boy to cut the cake, he realized someone had taken a piece! He asked who ate the piece of cake but nobody answered. No one knew how to find out who did it... except Judge Pao.

'Ding!' an idea popped up. Judge Pao said, "Let's sing the birthday song everyone!" Everyone opened their mouth and sang the song. Judge Pao saw that everyone's mouths were clean except from Bruno, his son, who had chocolate inside his mouth! He was the one who ate that piece of cake!

Bruno thought Judge Pao would not punish him because he was his son. But Judge Pao is well known for his 'Iron face and unselfishness', meaning he treats everyone equally. He punished Bruno to clean up Ash's house and apologize for what he did.

#### Judge Bao: There Is No Case Without Clues

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Chan, Tze Kiu Melanie – 7

When I was having Chinese history class, I heard my headmistress speak through the school radio saying, "Attention students and teachers! The school chop is missing. Whoever has a clue, please report to my office. This is an emergency!" She sounded very worried, and I understand why. Without the school chop, the graduation certificates will not be valid. The students in Grade Six won't be able to graduate! Everyone in class panicked and muttered about it.

Suddenly, there was a puff of smoke in front of the classroom. Poof! A man appeared. His skin was as dark as chocolate. There was a crescent birthmark on his forehead. He had a long black beard which went all the way down to his stomach. His clothes were a bit strange. He wore a black robe with golden tigers on it and a long black hat. It looked like he travelled through time from ancient China. I couldn't believe my eyes, so I rubbed them ferociously. To my surprise, the mysterious man was still standing there. My teacher asked with a stutter, "Ju....Ju....Judge Bao?" I recalled his name from Chinese history class. He was renowned for being a very fair judge. He was righteous and not afraid of the rich or the royal. I was confused because I knew he died centuries ago.

Judge Bao exclaimed, "I am the God Judge Bao. I have heard your headmistress's prayer. I know the person who stole the school chop is in your class!" Everyone was shocked and started suspecting each other. Through all the commotion, my headmistress said, "Judge Bao! There are muddy footprints leading all the way to my office!" Judge Bao was certain that this clue would point us into the direction of the perpetrator. Judge Bao immediately examined everyone's shoes and noticed that the entire football team's shoes were covered in mud. He concluded that a football player must have left practice to commit the crime. He interrogated the leader of the football team and he then said, "Ben left for a while saying that he needed to go to the toilet." We all looked at Ben and he was trying to act innocent. Judge Bao looked right into his eyes and scared Ben into confessing. Ben shouted, "Fine! You caught me. I just don't want anyone to graduate!" It all started to make sense! Ben had the lowest grades and failed many tests. There was a very low chance for him to graduate. Ben was forced to apologize and return the school chop.

Our headmistress thanked Judge Bao and took him outside to go back to heaven. Before he travelled back he left us with a profound saying, "Remember that there is no case without clues!" At last, it was time for him to go. My class waved as Judge Bao faded away in thin air. It was great meeting him!

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Chan, Vincci – 8

One day, Judge Pao decided to have a holiday and planned to go to France, where he could visit the Louvre Museum. The journey from China to France was not easy. The weather forecast predicted that the weather would be terrible.

Just when Judge Pao landed in France, he received a call from President Rabbit. President Rabbit found that all his price—winning tomatoes were all stolen by someone. A few minutes later, Judge Pao ran to the veggie patch, he couldn't believe his eyes, all the tomatoes were gone. Judge Pao then saw a lot of white fur on the soil and quickly put it in the jar. Judge Pao then checked which animals with white fur lived nearby. He finally found one of the closest suspects, Ms. White Cat. Judge Pao went to see Ms. White Cat immediately. However, he found that Ms. White Cat was allergic to tomatoes. Whenever she touched the tomatoes, she would get rashes on her skin.

After that, Judge Pao drove to President Rabbit's house again. When he got there, he saw that a dead fish lay on the veggie patch beside a big footprint. At once, Judge Pao murmured to himself, "White fur, big footprint....." and went straight to Mr. Polar Bear's house. Mr. Polar Bear claimed that he attended a party last night and was drunk, his arctic animal friends could be his alibi for him.

That night, Judge Pao felt frustrated, but he did not give up. Suddenly, he found that some dust had fallen off from the fur, the fur revealed its original colour. Judge Pao shouted, "It is red fur." Judge Pao then kept the fur carefully and started to ponder the things he had seen.

The next day, Judge Pao found some shattered spectacles on the soil of the tomato patch. At the same time, Postman Squirrel came to deliver the mail and slipped on the ground. Judge Pao found that Postman Squirrel couldn't see clearly because he wasn't wearing his spectacles. Feeling confident, Judge Pao said to Postman Squirrel, "You are the one I have been looking for." Postman Squirrel's face turned pale and asked "H—H—How did you know?" Without hesitation, Judge Pao pulled the jar out of his bag and showed him the shattered spectacles.

Postman Squirrel took a deep breath and said, "Recently, my wife is suffering from a mysterious disease and needs tomatoes to cure. However, I can't find them anywhere but in this tomato patch. I am so sorry and I will never do it again." Judge Pao was shocked, "Even though your situation is difficult, stealing is absolutely unacceptable." Judge Pao asked Postman Squirrel to return all the tomatoes to President Rabbit. Furthermore, Judge Pao discussed with President Rabbit and decided to share the tomatoes with Postman Squirrel and they did.

Finally, it was time for Judge Pao to leave France. President Rabbit and all his friends felt grateful to meet Judge Pao, the detective who helped them to solve one big mystery. A mystery that no one could solve.

#### Judge Pao Saves The Day

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Chan, Yin Tung Caitlyn – 8

Last Tuesday, I was very frustrated because something unfair happened. I was playing with my friends in the school yard during recess when the bell rang. I went back to the classroom and sat at my desk, as usual, not expecting what would happen next.

Suddenly, the door slammed open. Miss Stephanie stomped into the classroom, her face was burning red like fire.

"A student has reported that someone snuck into the classroom during recess and deliberately broke Adam's water bottle."

Miss Stephanie looked at me like she expected I would say something.

I was so scared my lips trembled. "I...I didn't do anything," I said.

"Yes you did," Miss Stephanie said, with a raised voice, "you broke Adam's water bottle."

"N...No, I didn't," I said shakily.

"Then why is there water and broken pieces under your chair?" asked Miss Stephanie.

I didn't know what to say. The whole class stared at me.

"We will talk about it tomorrow," said Miss Stephanie. "Now, it is home time."

I got on the school bus as quickly as I could. I just wanted to hide in my bed.

That night, I felt so bad because I was wronged, but I could not prove my innocence. I just hoped everything would be fine the next day.

In my dreams, I saw a serious—looking man with dark skin and a moon—shaped scar on his forehead. He looked as if he was from hundreds of years ago, as he was dressed in a traditional Chinese costume and he spoke in an old—fashioned way.

The man said, "Little girl, I know you got into trouble today for something you didn't do."

I was surprised.

"How did you know?"

"I just know it when there is injustice in the world. Let me help you."

He then taught me how to solve the mystery. He explained that I need to find evidence and witnesses to prove the facts.

"I know what to do now! Thanks! But, how did you know all these?" I asked.

"I am a judge," he said with a gentle smile, "I have solved many cases much more difficult than this. Now, go and find your justice."

The man then faded away.

The next morning, I went back to school and spoke to Miss Stephanie.

"I have evidence and witnesses to prove that I am not the one who broke Adam's bottle. I was playing with Filarie and Hanna the whole time during recess yesterday. They can prove that I didn't go to the classroom. Also, there is a CCTV camera near the entrance. If you check it, you should be able to see who did it."

Miss Stephanie then went on to talk to my friends and check the CCTV. She realized that it was Tommy who had broken the bottle. Miss Stephanie apologized and asked me who taught me about these things. I told her about the man I saw in my dreams.

"That's Judge Pao!" she exclaimed. "You surely found great help."

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Chan, Yue On Leanne – 8

"BOOM!" A loud voice interrupted Judge Bao's peaceful time in heaven. He peered down to see what was going on. "WHAT? IS SOMETHING BAD HAPPENING ON EARTH AGAIN?" He screamed. It all happened two days ago. During a history lesson at school, the 14th descendant of Judge Bao, Peter wrote on the board, 'China is such an aggressive country. It loves to intrude into other places and create war. China has no justice, and we as first—generation migrants in the U.S. should feel ashamed to be Chinese.' When Judge Bao saw this, he mumbled in a deep voice "What a terrible thing to say, I must speak with him to change his perspective on China."

It was a dark and windy night. The moonless sky had no light to shine on Peter. The harsh late autumn wind howled into the apartment in Chinatown where Peter lived in. It was as if the sky was trying to persuade Peter to go to bed. After one last sip of his aromatic Chinese tea, Peter gave in and within seconds fell into a deep sleep. Way up in the sky, Judge Bao believed the timing was perfect to convey his dissatisfaction towards his descendant in his dream.

"Peter, what you said this morning was completely wrong. You would've known better if you had taken time to research the history of China. Do you even know about the amazing things that China has done?" Bao spoke in his deepest voice to convey his disappointment, "Let me help you understand why China has never been an intruder." He carried on, "300 years after my death, a man named Zhenghe was born. He was one of the greatest voyagers in history. During that time, it was so easy for China to go anywhere and just put their flag down to claim the territory as theirs." Judge Bao got a bit excited and said with a louder voice, "Instead, he went to places to exchange gifts and spread Chinese culture all around the world, Isn't that amazing?" While Bao paused, Peter flipped around with a head of cold sweat and carried on with his dream. "Not only did Zhenghe earn respect from many places, but he also showed how China exercised justice wisely. The Chinese don't just randomly pick a place and claim it's ours, we respect local culture and show our greatest sincerity to exchange ideas and of course, goods," Peter yawned softly as he continued dreaming. "My descendant," Judge Bao raised his voice a bit, "you have much to learn about how justice was practised in China in the past. Go and find out, but please don't say things which are not true. That's not the spirit of the Bao family!" After a long pause, Judge Bao resumed, "The sun is rising soon, so I have to leave. Wake up and think about what you said yesterday. Try to digest my teaching and hopefully it can change your perspective on China. I believe in you!" Then, there was complete silence and darkness.

The cooling wind blew into Peter's windowsill, causing it to hit the wall. "Urgh!" Peter sat up, shocked by the sound. His dark brown hair hung limply from sticky sweat that had appeared during his slumber. Peter hurriedly slid into his school uniform and slinked out to the school library. He skimmed through many books in order to find the clues which his ancestor hinted in his dream. Suddenly, he stopped and gasped under his breath. There was a thick book right in front of his eyes with the words: "To my beloved descendant Peter, by Judge Bao Zheng".

#### The Tale of Judge Pao

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Chaw, Olivia – 8

A long time ago, in a small town in China, a young scholar, Han Di, was found dead in a lake. Han Di's family could not give any information about the murder. They felt very troubled, because they did not know who murdered Han Di. The only thing that they can think of is to ask the famous Judge Pao to help them solve the mystery.

Judge Pao agreed that Han Di was murdered because all of Han Di's riches were stolen. Judge Pao thought of a way to solve the mystery. He asked some villagers to paint the walls of the old village temple.

Next morning, Judge Pao asked all the villagers to gather in the town square. Judge Pao then told them to follow him to the temple. He said, "You will stand here for two hours, whoever is the killer, Han Di's soul shall haunt you, it shall write on your back!" All the villagers were very frightened of Judge Pao's claim.

After an hour of waiting, Judge Pao went back to the temple to check on the villagers. He looked very carefully at the villagers' backs. It was now a young man's turn to be investigated, Judge Pao was very surprised when he saw the young man's back, he back was full of messy fingerprints!

Judge Pao shouted, "You are the killer! You killed Han Di and stole all his riches!" The killer turned pale white, but it did not stop him from lying, "I didn't do it!" he shouted. Judge Pao felt very angry at this man for lying, he shouted angrily "Liar! You've got messy fingerprints on your back!" "I'm not lying! I'm telling you the truth! I didn't do it!" the young man's voice now became sharp. Judge Pao was very angry at the young man.

The villagers were in shock. They were surprised because the young man was Han Yin. Han Yin was the brother of Han Di! Soon, the news of Han Yin murdering his own brother spread to the ears of Judge Pao. Judge Pao then questioned Han Yin why murder his own brother. Well, it was because Han Yin was jealous of Han Di for having more riches and being more popular amongst the village folks. He bottled his jealousy until he can't keep it bottled anymore.

Thankfully, Judge Pao sent Han Yin to prison right after the hearing. After Judge Pao had sent Han Yin to prison, life in the small town had once returned to normal, and all the villagers had thanked him for sorting out the mystery. But the question remains: will Hang Yin be plotting revenge on Judge Pao like he plotted revenge on his dear brother, Han Di?

#### Judge Pao: The Secret Floor

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Cheng, Tung Alyssa – 8

Hi, I'm Judge Pao, the Chinese politician, in "black" face, during the reign of Emperor Renzhong in China's Song Dynasty.

And I am – well, I was – a judge in the normal world during the day. Plus, I'm a judge of the underworld during nighttime. Don't be so surprised! – What?

Oh! You want to hear a story about the underworld. Well, why not?

As you know, there were 18 floors in the underworld. One of my jobs was to determine who went to which floor. One day, my servant, an ox-headed man named Bob, knocked on my door during my nap.

"Come in!" I said.

"My lord, I have news." Bob answered.

"There better be a good reason why you disturbed my nap," I grumbled sleepily. "Or you'll have to scrub the toilet on the eighteenth floor for a month!"

That toilet stank and was small, dirty and had flying bugs everywhere!

"Yes, my lord," the reply came, soon after my grumbling.

"Well, go on." I sighed. It wasn't easy not being able to sleep 9 hours a day!

"Some of the worst spirits on the eighteenth floor have begun to disappear, and there is no sign of where they have gone!"

Bob was beginning to panic, which was bad since Bob would go crazy if he panicked too much!

"Calm down, Bob. I'll get to the bottom of this. Send a message to the gods and tell them that I will take care of this personally." I glanced around to make sure no one was listening, and I whispered to Bob. "Don't let anyone know."

He nodded and left.

I needed to investigate!

I got into my horse chariot and set off.

Once I arrived on the eighteenth floor, I dismounted. I stepped in and saw lots of spirits. Some looked at me and shouted insults. The others just walked away. After all, I'm not very famous on the eighteenth floor!

Everything looks normal! I shouted, "Who can give me a tour?"

Only one spirit raised its hand. I was surprised. I expected no volunteers. I walked through the crowd towards the one single spirit who had raised his hand.

"Who are you?" I asked.

The spirit raised his head and said "I am Bob's brother."

I let out a sigh of relief; this spirit could be trusted! I followed him around, listening to his every word, hoping that I could find some clues.

I still had no idea where to find the evil spirits until I found a secret staircase leading to a hidden place. I walked down by myself. It was the unknown nineteenth floor!

All the missing spirits were there. It turns out that they had been teleported there by the gods! I released them and rewarded Bob's brother with access to all the floors.

Everything went back to normal.

I hope you like my story!

I need to get back to the underworld now.

I'll give you a tour when I have time. Bye!

#### Trial of a Rock

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Cheuk, Ching Yan – 7

My mother was busy all the time. She needed to do the housework, cook meals and take care of my little brother. I hoped I would do something to help my mum. One day, my brother lost his temper, mother was comforting him. I told my mum I could help her buy the food for tonight dinner. My mum appreciated the gesture and gave me some money.

I went to the market and bought some soy—sauce chicken and barbeque pork. The shopkeeper gave me a lot of oily change. Going back home, the path seemed a bit different to when I came before. I suddenly felt tired and sleepy. I thought it's still early. So, I leaned on the rock nearby and fell asleep. When I woke up, all my food and money was stolen. I cried loudly. A strong man with a dark face came up to me and asked, 'What happened, little child, why are you so sad?'

I was scared so I asked 'Who ...who are you?'

'I am Justise Pao!' he replied.

I told him what happened. He mused for a while. Then he asked Guard Zhan to move the rock, he said 'We will have a trial on it!' All the people wanted to see how to trial a rock, the court was full of citizens in a minute.

'Poor rock, the girl dozed off and lost coins on you, the thief must be you who told us the truth.' However, the rock kept silence. Justice Pao was irritated and shouted, 'You must be guilty, you will be beat with thirty planks!'

At the same time, Justice Pao asked the crowd, 'Should we help this poor girl, give her some coins, so she can buy some food and go home?' Justice Pao put a wooden bucket full of water in front of the door. He threw the first coin in the water and stood aside. Everyone followed but a dubious man who was reluctant to do so. Guard Zhan forced him to throw coins into the water. A layer of oil floated on the water. Justice Pao shouted loudly, 'You are the thief!' The man kneeled down immediately and said 'Sorry! Please forgive me!' Everyone was curious, how did Justice Pao know the man was the thief? He explained, 'The girl had oily change so when the coins were thrown in water, the oil must float up.' Everyone realized the trial of the rock is just the pretense to lure the real thief.

The thief gave back the money and said 'Sorry!'. I was upset, because there was no food I could take back home. Justise Pao shared some food with me. After a second, I opened my eyes, I was standing in front of my home. My mum and little brother welcomed me. They saw the food I brought and said 'How delicate is this food? Where did you buy it?' I was smiling, 'This is a secret!'

#### Xiaolong Pao and the Missing Cake...!

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Cheung, Kai Fung – 7

Once upon a time, there was a boy named Kai Fung. He lived in Kaifeng of China. One day, he was baking a huge chocolate cake in his kitchen. He went out to play football for an hour and when he came back, the cake, that could feed 15 people, was missing! He went to search for the cake all over the house, but he wasn't able to find it! Who would do such horrid mischief? He rushed to his neighbor Xiaolong Pao for help.

Soon, Xiaolong came to his house and started to look for clues of the missing cake. First he went to the bathroom, and saw some tiny footprints. Then, he went to the bedroom and saw a broken window. Then he went to the study room and saw more footprints. Finally, he went to the kitchen and saw crumbs all over the floor.....Kai Fung suggested to Xiaolong, "Why don't we follow the crumbs?"

So they followed the crumbs to the study room, and found nothing. Then Xiaolong said, "Let's follow the footprints!", so they followed the footprints to the bedroom, and found nothing. Kai Fung was upset and thought he would never find the delicious cake that he had baked for a cake contest. Suddenly, Xiaolong said, "Look at the window, it is broken! Let's look outside!"

They went outside and climbed out of the window and took a few steps behind the flower bed, they found a cave.....the cave was dark and full of spiders...... At first, Kai Fung didn't want to go in; but Xiaolong said "Close your eyes and follow me....", so they went in slowly.

The cave was deep and went on for one mile. At the end, they found a tiny mouse eating the cake. Xiaolong asked Kai Fung, "How do you know this is your cake?" Kai Fung replied, "because it is a special cake, and no one else can cook it, it is made with chocolate and rainbow coloured jelly inside." Xiaolong said, "Shall we get it back?" Kai Fung replied, "No, I will make a new one." But Xiaolong thought, we came all this way to find the cake, we cannot leave empty handed. So he went ahead to the mouse eating the cake. However, since the cave was dark, he tripped on something and landed on the cake with his face! Kai Fung laughed and said "I told you I will make a new cake." After hearing this, Xiaolong, now with a chocolate coloured face, was upset and left the cave with a dark face. He then grew up to continue solving mysteries for his neighbors and later became the well—known Judge Pao. Kai Fung went home to bake a new cake, and has remained anonymous till this day.

#### Mystery Solved. Is Santa Clause Real?

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Girardi, Pietro So – 7

I grew up with the myth of Santa Claus. An old fat man that came to visit me every year at Christmas. Although I had never seen him, he always brought me my favorite presents. One day I started to doubt him. Who was behind that greasy white bear? ..... And then, this year I waited, waited and waited... but I didn't get any presents, I was sad, and I cried. I looked all around and didn't see anything suspicious.

I turned on the TV, and everything was normal ... have I been naughty? Didn't I behave well? Did he forget me? ....

I was sobbing when suddenly I noticed that my sister got her present, I immediately called my friend who, like me, didn't get any gifts. Checking with more friends, my suspicion was confirmed. Santa Claus delivered the present to only a few kids .... but why?

It was time to call Detective Pao. My friends and I rushed to his office to ask for help ... We explained what happened, and with a smiling face, he said ... "look into the small details, the answer is in your story..."

Ahh useless! I kicked a can that was on the floor. I was disappointed and depressed ... Which detail? Which story? What am I gonna do??? Where are my presents??? ... I kicked the can again and went back home ....

Back home, I laid on my bed, and I started to think ... Details, story, details, story ... "useless"...

Then I read my story again and again, but nothing came out. Then suddenly I stumbled over the word "doubt."

.... I found the clue .... I realized that Santa Clause didn't deliver presents to those who didn't believe he is real .... I smiled happily ... If I want my Christmas present, I will forever believe in Santa Claus.

#### The Curious Case of the Missing Painting

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Ho, Hin Yeung, Austin – 7

Judge Pao stood in the gleaming white halls of the M+ museum, studying the empty panels before him. His eyes were heavy with tiredness, it was 6:00am when he got called in to solve this bewildering mystery.

"Are you sure it was a small painting?" he asked the curator standing next to him.

"Yes, we have already checked the inventory. It's strange, isn't it?" the curator answered.

Judge Pao nodded in silence. The wall had been lightly scratched, but there was no other evidence to suggest any culprits. No windows were broken, no doors unhinged, and CCTV cameras only caught the thief's back.

What's most perplexing, is that the missing work of art was a small portrait of Queen Clare. It was easy to haul away for sure, but the painting was worth much less than the masterpieces by Monet, Cézanne and Van Gogh hanging intact in the very same room.

After a breakfast of fine toast and scrambled eggs, Judge Pao began his investigation interviewing all fifteen members of staff at the Museum. His mind whirled with different hypotheses; could there have been a hidden emerald in the canvas? By day end, he still had no suspects until he overheard a conversation.

"I am going to visit my daughter at the hospital. I took out some history books from the archives to share with her," said conservator Albert.

"Well, I hope she finds our present day mystery exciting!" replied guard Liam.

Intrigued, Judge Pao headed down to the library and asked which books Albert had taken out. To his surprise, the scripts on loan were all about emperors! Content with his discovery, Judge Pao headed home and dived straight into hed.

The next morning, Judge Pao walked straight into the conservation studio. Head down and focused on restoring a painting, Albert hardly noticed his entrance.

"Albert. What were you doing yesterday morning and why did you borrow books on kings and queens? I have my suspicions that you stole the painting." Judge Pao confronted Albert with a fishy look.

Taken aback, Albert jumped from his seat. "Um...er...ee...you see..." Albert stuttered, almost choking on his own words. "I went to visit my sick daughter, and she adores stories about kings and queens."

Judge Pao cuts in, "So you stole the painting to gift her, in hopes that it will lift her spirits?"

Looking guilty and ashamed, Albert nodded. "I just wanted her to feel inspired, to have hope that she will get better and to see a smile on her face. I know I have to return it."

Empathizing with Albert's predicament, Judge Pao realised that although Albert had committed a crime, it was not out of malice. With that, he arranges for the painting to be returned to M+, and a framed print of it delivered to the hospital. Inviting Albert's family to a special tour of the Museum, they resolve the mystery with grace and kindness.

#### The Magical Crescent of Judge Pao

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Ji, Hayden – 6

Judge Pao was a famous judge in the Song Dynasty. He had a magical crescent—shaped birthmark in the center of his brow. Since Judge Pao was young, he had always seen ghosts unconsciously and because of the magic of his crescent. The ghosts shared their stories and asked the young Judge Pao to help them find their killers. Judge Pao became more and more courageous from a young age and learnt lots of detective skills which helped him turn into a good detective when he grew up.

One day, Judge Pao went out of town. Along the way, he found that no one in his jurisdiction dared to commit any crimes, Judge Pao was very satisfied. Suddenly, two robbers jumped out and rolled across the road! Judge Pao's partners immediately knocked these two men down. As soon as the two men heard that he was Judge Pao, they began to cry, saying that they definitely did not mean to break the law. The officer in the area had been collecting taxes indiscriminately, and their little children were sick and needed medication immediately. They had no other choice but to become bandits. They cried and begged Judge Pao to help them save their little children.

Judge Pao was furious! The people he hated the most were those who bullied civilians! He ordered his partners to investigate the case. They found out the people there were so poor that they could only eat one meal a day, but they had to work all day. The officer launched a fake tax rule and claimed an extremely high tax rate from the civilians. Judge Pao immediately led his partners to the officer's house and charged him with corruption. They broke the wall and found tons of gold hidden inside. Judge Pao took pity on the poor civilians and decided to share the gold with them.

Under Judge Pao's leadership, no one dared to break the law in the province, and people's lives got better and better. After death, Judge Pao became the Supernatural Judge of The Department of Hell and continued to sort out the affairs in the afterlife, with the help of his powerful magical crescent!

#### The Cattle Slayer

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lai, Ka Kiu Kaye – 9

It was a busy day in Hoi Fung Fu, the imperial court of justice in the capital of Song Dynasty. A peasant, called Mr. Fung, rushed into the courtroom and asked for help from Judge Pao.

It was the strangest case that Judge Pao and his subordinates had ever heard of: Fung's cattle had had their tongues cut off!

Fung introduced himself to Judge Pao. He worked as a farmer and grew his crops on his own piece of land. Fung was not very rich but was regarded as better—off than the other farmers of the time.

During the medieval era, farmers utilized cattle for sowing, cultivation, harvesting and all sorts of difficult labor in the paddy fields. The Song government emphasized the importance of cattle in agricultural society by legislating laws forbidding anyone to kill cattle privately. Anyone who broke this law would be subject to one year of imprisonment.

Judge Pao realized that Fung had no reason to lie and break the law, because his cattle were his most valuable assets. If the cattle had lost their tongues, they would not be able to eat or work anymore. The owner would be forced to slaughter them. Pao pondered for a while and said to Fung,

"You can slay these cattle, dismantle them and sell their meat at the market."

Whilst Fung worried this would be illegal, Pao promised that Fung was fully exempt in this case, as it was a crucial step in finding the culprit.

The next day, Fung carried the beef and sold it at the public market. Since the government prohibited anyone from killing cattle, beef was extremely scarce. However, the masses would not worry about where the meat had come from, because *purchasing* beef was not illegal. Therefore, within an hour, all the beef was sold out.

On the same day, a landlord named Mr. Yung ran into Judge Pao's court and wished to report the case that Mr. Fung had violated the cattle law. The culprit fell into his own trap. In the court, Yung and Fung recognized each other. Judge Pao sent his detectives to search for evidence in Mr. Yung's barn and found a sickle full of blood.

Yung began to confess to his crimes.

Fung and Yung were neighbors. They were also competitors of farm products and local farmlands. Their prolonged disputes developed into a hatred of each other. In order to get ahead, Yung set Fung up by cutting off the tongues of his cattle.

If Fung killed the cattle, Yung would report the case to the court and Fung would be punished. If Fung didn't kill them, his business would be hampered in any situation. However, Judge Pao traced the culprit by looking for the motive of committing this crime.

Justice descended upon Yung. He was fined ten taels of gold as compensation for Fung's cattle and was sentenced to two years of imprisonment for his crime of injuring the cattle. Fung was waived of any charges for slaughtering his cattle. The court case was broadly publicized as a lesson to society.

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lai, Kwan Ho Jonathan – 8

One day, I was reading a book about a judge named Pao who apparently solved a lot of mysteries. I thought that was cool and wanted to be like him. As I was thinking about it, a light brighter than any light I had seen suddenly shone from the sky as a portal opened up and sucked me in. I woke up in a strange place and felt very dizzy. Wait...Is this a village? Wasn't I in my room just a second ago? After a thought, I decided that I'd go explore for a bit.

I looked around the place. Soon after, I heard some noises ahead so I went to see what was going on. It appeared that someone had stolen some food from a restaurant.

"Who could have stolen it and what is that giant footprint?" Someone asked.

Suddenly, a voice calmly said "Everyone, calm down!" Everyone looked up to see a man with very dark skin, and a new moon scar on his forehead.

"Oh my! Isn't he the famous Judge Pao!" I exclaimed.

"Calm down!? Don't you see that there is a giant footprint on the ground!!!" Someone suddenly cried out.

The judge inspected the footprint quietly. "I have never seen this footprint before."

"It must be a giant monster" someone shouted.

"Everyone, don't panic!" Judge Pao said but I could see that he was trembling with fear too. However, the footprint do look familiar.

I walked around the village some more as Judge Pao looked around and wrote down what he had discovered. I approached a tall building of what I assumed was the restaurant that has been robbed with a sign up on the front entrance that said "Welcome to Pizza Bay!" There wasn't much left to explore so I decided that I would go back to where the giant footprint was. However the village is as large as a city which I ended up getting lost.

After walking for what seemed like an hour, I eventually made my way back to the giant footprint where the Judge furiously scribbled in his notebook while looking for clues around the footprint. That was when I suddenly remembered what the footprint was! I had read about it in a book!

"Judge Pao!" I cried.

"What is it, little child?" The Judge asked nicely. "I think I know what made the footprint!" "Really! What is it? little child."

"It's... It's a Pokemon! It's a Pokemon that's very hungry!" I said. "Do you know where it lives?" The judge asked.

"Yeah, I guess so.. it usually stays in a clearing in the nearby forest!" I said.

"Alright then, let's go!" Pao shouted. Once we arrived at the clearing we found the Pokemon taking a nap. It was snoring loudly! "Uh... Hello?" I asked.

"HUH?" The Pokemon woke up in a shock. "WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?" He asked.

"I heard that you were stealing from a restaurant." I said. "OH SORRY, I WAS VERY HUNGRY!"

"Alright, just don't do it again." I said. "OK" The Pokemon murmured lightly.

"Wait, what if I make him my pet?" Judge Pao asked. "Sure, why not? Are you ok with that, Pokemon?" I asked.

"SURE! I'D LOVE THAT!" The Pokemon shouted in excitement. As we went back to the village, Pao asked me "Can you stay for a bit more?"

"I'd like to, but I think I should go home now." The moment I said that, the portal opened up again, waiting for me to go home.

"Alright, goodbye and thank you so much for helping me to solve this mysterious giant footprint case!" Pao said with gratitude.

"Goodbye and don't mention it! I've had a great time solving the case with you!" I said as I stepped into the portal and the next thing I knew, I was back in my roo

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lau, Tsz Nam Jade – 7

Every Tuesday, I used to go to the library with my mother. I rushed to the particular section with the call number searching for my book, '826...827...oh, Detective Pao Series 6 is missing" but I did not give up by checking the surrounding area. Suddenly, I saw a stained and old book on the top of the bookshelf, the book named, "Black Magic of Judge Pao". I jumped up but failed to reach the book. Suddenly, the book fell on my forehead and dropped on the floor. I saw a big blue and bright swirly circle in the book. Then I was sucked into this swirly circle and rolled for a long time until I fell out.

When I opened my eyes, I found myself in an old-fashion house with a man lying on the bed. I wanted to get closer and closer to check his face.

"Stop" a girl shouted at me and said," "My father is sick. Leave him alone!"

I turned back and saw a girl wearing a beautiful Chinese costume dress.

"Who are you?" she asked.

I didn't know how to explain, I just told the girl what had happened to me.

The girl smiled happily and said, "I trust you; I heard a lot of mystery stories from my father, I think this swirly circle has superpowers that brought you here!"

I was so grateful for her understanding.

"My name is Bao, what's your name?" she asked.

"My name is Jade." I replied.

"Jade..." she suddenly felt sad and said, "Actually my necklace made from special jade was stolen this morning, only two helpers knew where I hid it in my room, but they denied taking it. I want to ask my father to judge them, but he is sick."

"I have a method." I said. Then I took out two pieces of papers from my pocket and taught Bao how to use these papers to judge them. She was excited and ran out of the house.

After a while, she was wearing the lost necklace back and said, "Thank you, Jade. How did you know this method?"

"This is called "a guilty conscience", if someone has stolen the necklace, she will believe this "magic" paper will be longer after she touches, so whoever returns the shortest paper will be the thief! I learnt it from Judge Pao's detective story, he is my favorite idol." I said.

"Judge Pao? He is my father!" Bao smiled and pointed to the man lying on the bed.

"Can I see him?" I felt excited when I got closer to him, but suddenly I saw a blue and bright swirly circle on the bed, I lost my control and unavoidable sucked into it again.

When I opened my eyes, I was sitting on the floor of the library. I couldn't find that mystical book anymore, but I will never forget such a magical experience. I hope one day I can see this "Black magic of Judge Pao" again.

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lee, Annette Aimee – 6

"Wei Wu....." Dong dong...

Judge Pao asks, "Who is hitting the drum?"

Wang Chao and Ma Han say, "It's an old lady."

Judge Pao says, "Bring her in."

The guards carried her in. The old lady came in and bow to Judge Pao. She was too scared to look at him because he has a black coloured face.

Judge Pao asks her, "What's wrong? How can I help you?"

The old lady was shaking and said, "My...my...granddaughter is missing! We went to the market to buy some food and when I turned around, I couldn't find her anywhere. We came from the province and it's her first time in the city. I only have her so I cannot lose her. Can you please please please help me?"

Judge Pao says, "Old lady, don't be scared. Can you look up?"

The old lady looked up and saw Judge Pao, she had a surprise. She says, "Little Black, is that you?"

Judge Pao shouted, "Nanny, is that you? Please stand up. Why are you here?"

Nanny says, "I came all the way to find you, and I heard that you are doing well. I didn't expect that you are the Head of Kaifeng house."

Judge Pao says, "Nanny I miss you so much. Of course I will help you. First, tell me what color of clothes was she wearing. Does she have short or long hair? How old is she? Is she tall or short? Does she have big eyes or small eyes?"

Nanny says, "Thank you sooooo much! She was wearing a pink floral dress, she has long hair, big eyes and around five feet tall."

Judge Pao says, "Let's try to put a drawing and see if we can match her face."

An hour later, Zhan Zhao brings a beautiful girl to Judge Pao and said, "I found this beautiful girl in a shop and she seemed lost, so I bring her here to see if we can help her."

The girl says, "Grandma!!! I've been looking for you the whole time! I saw a bad guy, he was trying to grab me, but then this gentleman helped me and brought me here."

Nanny says, "Thank you young man, please let me give you a bow!"

Zhan Zhao says, "Please don't. This is my job."

Judge Pao says, "That's great! Nanny, now you found your granddaughter and I haven't seen you for a long time. Why not you stay with us and have dinner?"

Nanny says, "Yes, we have so much to talk about!"

And so they had a lovely evening!

## Judge Pao's Time Travel

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lepeu, Jacques – 7

Judge Pao wanted to travel through time to foresee the future. One day, he bumped his head, passed out and got teleported to the year 2022. Intelligent as he was, Judge Pao didn't know that the crescent scar at the centre of his forehead was actually a time portal.

Eventually, Judge Pao woke up on the foreign land in his embroidered, silky dark robe and black hat with two wing—like flaps. He could not speak the language, so he did sign language and figured out he had landed in Wanchai.

Then the crescent scar bled and ached. An unknown voice echoed in his mind about a hidden secret on the Kowloon Peninsula. He got an invisible clue written as "Find Tank Ram in Tsim Sha Tsui". Judge Pao decided to uncover all the mysteries. He took the Star Ferry and came to an old garage where he found a tank. It looked like a gigantic beast but with broken bones and was in need of repair. Pao went near it, trying to touch it. Then the unknown voice echoed back again and told him his descendent was in great danger. Touching his aching scar Pao was terrified and shocked. He had no time to find out whether or not to trust the voice but to help his descendent!

The voice told him to bang his forehead. He then landed on Victoria Peak, where Pao saw a young man in army uniform battling with the Tank Leviathan against four greyhounds. Pao then touched his crescent scar to make an ultra—tornado that could devour anything. The young man won the battle and survived but didn't realize it was his own Ancestral Grandfather from the Song Dynasty behind the victory.

Standing far away, Judge Pao wanted to greet this young man but hesitated as he was a bit scared. Eventually, Judge Pao bumped his head on purpose and the time portal was open. On his way travelling back to the Song Dynasty, he was in his new, modern—look sunglasses, Hawaiian T—shirt and flip—flops. Like a black—faced dancing monkey, he felt giddy about saving his own roots from future danger.

Before departing, Judge Pao plucked out an emerald gemstone from his robe belt and secretly placed it inside the young man's house, who had "Pao Y. K." embroidered on his uniform tag.

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lo, Si Nga Charlotte – 7

It was winter in China. In an old, dark suburb, there was a wooden cottage in a garden behind a gate. You could smell the smoke from the villagers' chimneys and feel the wind blowing hard.

One day, a young boy called Bao Zheng was sweeping the floor of his family's cottage. A sly naughty boy, who was a few years older than Bao Zheng, snuck into the cottage's yard and put five buns on a wooden table outside the house. Then, he sneakily climbed over the fence and quickly hid behind a chestnut tree close by.

Just then, an older villager came rushing through the cottage's gate. She looked around in panic and saw the five buns on the wooden table. As she got closer to the table, she caught a glimpse of Bao Zheng in the cottage. "You, child! You stole those buns!" she yelled.

Bao Zheng came out. He shook his head and said, "I didn't!" "Besides, I've been in my cottage the whole day sweeping the floor!"

"Well, you could have put the buns on this wooden table, and then you could have gone back into your cottage and pretended to sweep the floor!" she said angrily.

Bao Zheng looked around and saw footprints leading to the chestnut tree. "That does it! I'll prove to you that I didn't steal your buns by following these footprints," Bao Zheng thought.

"Look! Footprints! I'll prove to you that I didn't steal your buns. Follow me!" Bao Zheng said eagerly.

They followed the footprints to the chestnut tree. The sly boy was very confused. He looked behind the gate and couldn't see Bao Zheng.

"YOU!!!" the villager and Bao Zheng shouted. They trapped the boy and dragged him from behind the tree.

"I'm very, very sorry!" the boy apologised.

"It's alright!" Bao Zheng forgave him instantly.

They shook hands, and the boy left. Bao Zheng was still a bit perplexed by what had happened but decided to forget all about it.

#### New Tales of Judge Poa: The Missing Child

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lui, Davina – 8

One day, when Lily was in her history class, she was listening to the teacher talking about Judge Poa. She unintentionally fell asleep.

When Lily woke up she found herself in an ancient temple. What she didn't know was that she was now a man! She heard a male voice shouting, "Chin! Chin! Come to my office this INSTANT!" Lily had no idea who was Chin so she didn't care. A man got out of his chair to go looking for Chin (A.K.A. Lily). Lily thought, "Where am I?" The man said "Chin! Chin!... Chin, there you are. Didn't you hear me screaming at the top of my voice?"

Lily looked at the man who had dark skin and a moon—shaped birthmark on his forehead. He was calling somebody named Chin. She remembered that her teacher taught her something about Judge Poa, and the man standing right in front of her looked just like him. "Excuse me, sir," said Lily, "Are you Judge Poa?" "Of course I am!" said Judge Poa "Chin, are you okay?" Lily said, "Yes, but who are you?" "Are you serious?" said Judge Poa. "I'm your boss." Lily said, "No, you're not, I'm Lily not Chin." "Okay..." said Judge Poa hesitantly. "Anyway, Lily, I need your help. A woman called Elly suspects that a person has taken her child. You need to go find the missing child. This is her address. Please go find her and bring her here."

Lily found Elly and brought her to Judge Pao. Judge Poa asked Elly to start explaining. She said, "Last night, after dinner, when we were all asleep, I heard a sound of a window open. This morning my child was GONE. I suspect it was my neighbor who stole my child." Judge Poa asked, "Where was your child last seen?" Elly said, "She was last seen in her bedroom. I scolded her saying she was useless because she got only 99 percent in her Chinese dictation!!!" "Lily!" said Judge Poa "Go check Elly's house. She looks a bit suspicious." Pao turned to Elly and asked, "Did you do anything to your daughter before you sent her to her room?" "Yes," said Elly, "I locked her in the toilet."

Lily went to Elly's house and heard someone crying in the backyard. There was a girl who looked like Elly. Lily thought, "She must be her daughter." Lily took the child to Judge Poa.

Lily told Judge Poa what she had seen at Elly's house. He understood immediately and turned to Elly. He stated firmly, "You are the criminal in this case of the missing child. I have to punish you because you were being toxic to your daughter. Go to JAIL!" Elly screamed "NO! NO!"

Lily woke up and found herself in the classroom. She kept hearing a woman screaming. "Lily!" screamed the teacher. Lily said, "If you keep screaming at me, Judge Poa will take you in as a prisoner!"

The whole class laughed.

# Judge Pao and the Chan Family

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Ng, Rhianna – 8

More than 1,000 years ago, there was Judge Pao. He was born in Shen Xian, 5<sup>th</sup> March 999.He was born from the middle family. He hated corruption and strongly desired for justice. At age 29, Judge Pao passed the highest—level imperium examination. Judge Pao very smart and have an active brain, he can think about many ways to find solutions to solve many difficult cases. Judge Pao has many stories of him solving problems.

Many people might ask why Judge Pao's skin is black. The reason his skin is black because that the black face comes from the Chinese Opera. Judge Pao was a Chinese folk legend and he had been a popular character on the stage for centuries. People just loved the stories of Judge Pao.

Anyone that stand or sit in front of him, he will always have an idea to make them say the truth.

No Matter if it is a very good friend or a family member, he still makes them say the truth and decide if they should get punished or not.

There are many exciting stories about Judge Pao solving problems, this is one of the most interesting ones. When a man stole a duck, Judge Pao had made the man say the truth by asking about it, asking for evidence and thinking about some formula to find the truth.

Originally, the Chan family had 19 ducks. One day, they realized that there were only 18 ducks at the backyard. Every member of the Chan family went to look for their missing duck. They saw a man called Simon who was carrying a duck that looked just like their missing duck, so they suspect that Simon stole their duck.

Just then, one of Judge Pao's servant saw them arguing so the servant reported it to Judge Pao. Then, Judge Pao walked out, and made them go over and tell Judge Pao the story from both sides.

When Judge Pao finished hearing the story, he started thinking: How can I know which one of them is saying the truth and which one of them is lying? Suddenly, Judge Pao had a lightbulb moment, he thought of a good idea.

The idea was to put all the ducks together, to see if they will fight or not.

If they fight, then that means Simon didn't steal the duck because the ducks aren't use seeing each other, so they will fight. On the other hand, if the ducks don't fight, then that is evidence Simon stole the duck from the Chan family.

You might have a question, when did this happen? Well, this happened when Judge Pao and his servant were on a trip far away, they had to go across a farm and that's when it happened.

I think Judge Pao is fair, smart, and a brave person. He always helps people to straighten out their problems.

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, So, Shin Yi Hailey – 7

Heather and I were playing tag at home. She ran too fast and bumped into the table. I froze on the spot. The mirror Granny gave to me had broken into pieces. It was not fair that Heather's mirror was still on the table, in perfect condition. I reached out my hands and dropped Heather's mirror. It shattered into little pieces. Heather's tears were welling up in her eyes. I gripped my fists tightly and pulled my mouth into a straight line. Maybe I should not have done it. But I did.

Suddenly, a strong gust of wind blew into my room. It blew around me and then spun like a hurricane. It sucked me up into the air until I soared like a leaf.

BOOM! I landed flat on the ground. I was in the middle of an old crowded market. Women were wearing long plain dresses. A shopkeeper was singing a Chinese song. People stared at my weird clothes. When I started to run away, somebody announced, "Judge Pao is here!"

A tall man with a stern face appeared. People made way for him and bowed. There was a crescent moon birthmark on his wrinkled forehead. He had a long, grey bear that reached his chest. He was wearing a long, maroon—coloured robe and a brown belt with a silver buckle in the middle. Two guards holding shiny swords were walking beside him. They never walked faster than the tall man.

"Child, who are you? Where are you from?" the man demanded. He told me we were in Kaifeng, the Northern Song Dynasty's capital. He was Judge Pao.

An old man in simple blue clothes ran frantically from the crowd and knelt in front of Judge Pao. "Judge Pao, I overheard my neighbour Liu is hatching a plan to kill the village doctor!" said the old man. Judge Pao gave him a severe look and ordered the guards to save the doctor immediately. They hid behind the well in the doctor's house and waited for Liu to show up.

After a while, Liu crept cheekily towards the well and tipped a pack of white powder into the well. The guards immediately ran out and caught Liu. In anger, Liu confessed, "The doctor accidentally killed my son. I want revenge."

Pao lectured him, "Will you feel better if the doctor dies? You will live in shame for the rest of your life."

Liu's body shook with grief and guilt, tears leaking down his chin.

"Just because someone did bad things to you does not mean we have to do the same," Pao said to Liu, but he caught my eye. I nodded.

The floor began to shake again. I was sucked up into the air, and once again, everything was grey.

When I opened my eyes, I saw the white bookshelf in my room, and I could feel the soft old rug under my feet. I immediately ran into my sister's room. "Heather, I'm so sorry...."

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Tang, Pui Ming Ethan – 8

Decades ago, lived a judge, but he was no ordinary judge. He was Judge Pao.

Judge Pao was a judge of Yama in a department of hell known as the "Infernal Bureaucracy", a supernatural judge sorting out the affairs of the afterlife. He lived a happy life during the day, but when night struck, he was a supernatural judge with a crescent on his forehead.

His job was to sort out whether someone should go to hell or heaven based on what they did in their life, but he secretly wished he could just live a happy and normal life instead.

One day, Judge Pao sent the wrong person to heaven! This bad person was called Steve and he was a famous robber from all around the world.

When Judge Pao had given Steve his judgement, he hadn't realised that Steve was a bad person disguised as a policeman, and so he had set Steve free to terrorize heaven. Steve robbed people extremely often and never got caught by the heaven police, because Steve was an expert at disguise.

One time, he disguised himself as a chef and he robbed a restaurant for food. Another time, he disguised himself as a bank teller and he robbed the bank for money.

Now, Judge Pao had a huge problem on his hands. He needed to fix everything.

Judge Pao knew he needed to send Steve back where he belonged. He tried to capture Steve by luring him into a trap – by putting money on the street with a cage on top that would capture him and send him to hell.

Everything was going well. Judge Pao was hiding inside a bush when, suddenly, Steve showed up and spotted him! Then, Steve captured Judge Pao, locked him in his own trap and then offered him a deal.

"I either stay in heaven and never stop terrorizing it, or I go to hell. But, I will take away your power of traveling through hell and heaven," he said.

Judge Pao knew there was a twist to his deal. He had to think about it for a while, but then he made his decision. He chose for his power to be taken away. However, Judge Pao had a trick up his sleeve.

He knew that Steve did not know how to use his power, so he accepted the deal and finally was able to live the normal life of a human.

Finally, when Steve decided to test out his new power, he realised he didn't even know how to activate it.

## The Mystery of the Metal Cup Murder

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Tsoi, Charlotte – 8

It was a typhoon evening and everyone was asleep at home. I sneaked into the living room and switched on the TV. I was switching between channels when "Judge Bao's Detective Series" caught my eye. The drama series featured Judge Bao who dressed in Chinese Song dynasty costumes, had dark skin and a moon—shaped "tattoo" on his forehead.

As I was watching the drama, I suddenly found myself standing in a room with many Chinese wooden antique furniture. The room looked dark, with a candle lit in the middle of a table. "Where am I?" I thought to myself as I saw a tall, serious looking, dark figure wandering around. It was Judge Bao! I could not believe I was standing in Judge Bao's study room! "Seriously?" I whispered to myself. "Who's in my room?" said Judge Bao with his deep and stern voice. "I am Charlotte," I answered, hesitantly. "How did you enter my room and where did you come from?" asked Judge Bao. "The clothes you are wearing look strange," He said. "I have no idea how I got here, I was watching TV on my sofa then I suddenly appeared here. Would you take me home, please?" I asked. "I do not understand what you are saying about "TV" and "sofa,"" said Judge Bao with a friendly smile. "I am sorry I cannot take you home. I do not even know how much longer I can stay in my own home." Judge Bao looked sad and worried.

With a deep, long sigh, Judge Bao began his story...

"A man was found dead on the floor with a metal cup beside him, the metal cup shared the same design as the ones used by me. People suspected I had poisoned the person. I could not solve the case or prove myself innocent."

I recalled the movies I had watched. I suggested to Judge Bao, "In my 'world' everyone's fingerprint from their thumbs are unique, can this help you find the murderer?". Suddenly, Judge Bao asked me to get him flour, a Chinese calligraphy brush, black ink and gathered a few suspects to stamp their thumbs onto the black ink then onto a white cloth for their fingerprints, while he brushed off the flour from the metal cup, matching the thumb prints from the cup against each person's fingerprint stamped on the cloth. We had found the criminal! People in his home town no longer thought Judge Bao was a bad person. Judge Bao invited me to be his assistant detective, but I kept hearing WAKE UP! WAKE UP!

It was mum's voice, "WAKE UP! WAKE UP!". I woke up on our sofa at home and realised it was time for school! I quickly ate my breakfast and rushed to catch the school bus. During recess, I was sketching myself and Judge Bao in his study room, while my best friend asked me, "Since when are you friends with Judge Bao?". I said nothing, instead, I smiled and grinned.

#### Detective Kong and The Robber

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Wang, Lachlan – 8

"Oh not again..." Detective Kong shook her head and let out a long sigh of disbelief. There has been a string of burglaries at the local art museum and they have done it again — this time a horse statue carved from a solid piece of jade, a Chinese symbol of wealth and prosperity. From the dangling ropes through the gaping hole in the roof, it looks like someone descended from atop, *Mission Impossible* style, without triggering the alarm system, and it is her job to recover the jade horse and catch the bandits.

Detective Kong looked up at the museum catalogue and realised the jade horse was acquired by a large family in a very famous lawsuit presided by a prolific civil servant known as Judge Pao during China's Song Dynasty. Judge Pao helped commoners and peasants against corruption and injustices that made him a legendary figure. Kong knew there was more to the story.

Hours later, Kong's radio crackled to the news that a squad car had stopped a van being driven erratically by a young man named Ji. At the back of the car was a jade horse matching the exact description of the one being reported stolen. Kong arrested Ji at the scene and found he was carrying a notebook covered in squiggly writing she could not identify so she sent the notebook to the special labs for examination.

Dr. Ding from the lab called. It turns out the squiggly writing was used by a secret society in ancient China and the notebook was a log of all the offerings they have made to civil servants so they would turn a blind eye to whatever the bad guys wanted to do.

Ding also said according to his research, it was very likely that Judge Pao was offered the jade horse as a gift by one of the parties in the lawsuit as a bribe by given his reputation for justice and rightfulness, Judge Pao said no and punished those from a family named Ji who offered the bribe. Kong was relieved that things are starting to fall into place, but she needed to speak to Ji to be sure.

Ji confessed to the robbery. He said the reason he had to do it was the jade horse belonged to his family and it was handed down from generation to generation and it should never have been offered to anyone else and he was merely taking back what he thought was his. With that, Kong asked that Ji volunteers to work at the museum as a curator to tell his family's story and Judge Pao's legacy and she sent Ji on his way.

# The Modern Day Bao Zheng

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Wong, Darren Gwan Yin – 8

Once upon a time, there was a past judge who turned into a future judge! His name was Bao Zheng.

One day, a bad guy named Vanko appeared and created an army called Maned 420. They stole wild tigers, snakes and a particular kind of beast from the wilderness. There were two groups in Maned 420: one used tigers, and the other used snakes to steal treasures, land, and money from the poor. Vanko used the unique beast.

So many people died, but luckily there were two people who could defeat Maned420. These people were Bao Zheng and his guard, Zhao Zhao, the best Kungfu fighter in the South of China. The battle began, and Zhao Zhao defeated Maned420 with fancy moves and a sharp sword. Maned420 was thrown into jail by Bao Zheng. The tigers and snakes were set free back into the wild.

However, the fight was not over! The unique beast appeared and attacked Zhan Zhao. It was a long and painful battle. Zhan Zhao sliced the beast's foot, and the beast hit him back with its mighty aura. The fight continued until the beast finally showed its real identity — it was a hybrid of a snake, a tiger and an aura generator in one shell!

Zhan Zhao brought Vanko to Bao Zheng. Bao Zheng and his team used computers and the internet to gather evidence of Vanko's crime. They made records of where Vanko travelled by his GPS, and they searched his smartphone for photos of his wrongdoings. They also read his Whatsapp messages to see his conversation with Maned 420 on the capturing of wild beasts. Bao Zheng revealed the mystery of the plot with his wit, intelligence and the help of modern—day technology. In no time, backed up with enough evidence, he chopped Vanko's head off with one fell swoop, and everyone cheered.

"Now we won't be poisoned or chewed up by tigers and snakes anymore!" the people cheered.

#### Who Stole My Time?

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Wong, Hoi Wai Desmond – 7

Judge Pao, well known for his intelligence and calmness, faced many difficult cases during his time in civil service. However, there was a new tale of Judge Pao that had not been recorded before. It was about Pao and his friend, Li, who was lazy, and his habit was sleeping only.

Pao and Li were classmates while they were young. They lived next to each other in a village.

One day, Li went to visit Judge Pao because he found his time was stolen by someone. Pao asked, "What was going on?"

"When I was dozing on the bench in my courtyard yesterday, suddenly, something horrid appeared, a pale shadow popped out nearby and whispering in my ear." Li said.

"Fetch me all your precious stuff that you own." A shrill voice from the shadow.

"I was trembled, so I immediately woke up." Told by Li.

"What did you lose then?" Pao wondered.

"I searched in the entire house already, including each room and garden, but nothing lose. Just the sky was turned into dark. I believed my time was stolen." Li complained.

"It's ridiculous. No worries, I will help you to find out the truth." Pao promised.

Afterwards, Pao arrived at Li's house and looking for proof. He asked Li's parents whether they saw any stranger at that moment. They replied nothing unusual. Pao then trotted into every room and seek if there was any information left by the suspect. Unluckily, there was nothing can be traced.

In midnight, Pao pondered to visit Department of Hell and asked for Yama's assist. "Young Pao, what can I do for you?" Yama asked solemnly.

"My friend, Li, who suspicious that his time was stolen while dozing by a pale awful stranger. Do you have any idea about that?" Pao answered.

Yama announced, "Um...I know exactly what's happened on Li. In fact, he was in a dream, it's not realistic. Time is the most valuable for people in the world, we cannot chase the time after it was past, therefore we ought to make good use of your time every day. Do you understand it now?"

The following day, Pao beckoned to Li and explained the reason in detail. "Time will not be stolen, only if you waste it."

"Thank you, Pao. From now on, I know how to spend my time well." Li realised.

Since then, Pao started to work hard and learned a lot of brilliant skills that led him to become a young detective and a successful judge in future.

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Wong, Ingrid – 7

Something strange happened to my school recently. Some children are missing. We were told to pack our bags and go home for the rest of the week. I was sitting on the bench while waiting to get on the school bus. Suddenly, I saw an invisible door opening in front of me. All of a sudden, the door opened wide and I was pushed into the door! "No...." I shouted, but no one heard me. Then I started to float in the air! After a long while, I found myself lying on the ground outside a big dark temple. "Are you alright?" A boy around my age stared at me like I was an alien. He was dressed in a long gown and looked familiar. "Where am I?" I asked weakly, trying to recall his name. "Hurry up, let's keep working on this temple, or else, the monk won't let us go." He led me to a construction site, I saw more children, and a monk dressed in a black gown with a necklace made of purple gemstones. "Ah", I gasped, "this is the evil monk in the Judge Pao book! Then I realized some of the children were my schoolmates. Obviously they were hypnotized and had no idea who they were. "The flowers!" I have to tell Judge Pao about the poisonous flowers I read in the book and get him to arrest the monk! Before the monk noticed me, I snuck out and headed to the town. On the way, I saw Gong Sun Ce, Judge Pao's assistant, who led me to Judge Pao. I told Judge Pao where I came from and about the monk who kidnapped my schoolmates. To my surprise, he said, "You are one of us. I once travelled from the future but decided to live in Song dynasty to help the poor. We have got enough evidence to arrest the monk. Thanks for telling us about the flowers that hypnotized the children. Then, we embarked on an exciting journey to hunt down the evil monk and rescue the children. I can't tell you all of it but working along the talented Judge Pao was such an amazing experience. We had my schoolmates released and I gave them anti-dotes after we time-travelled back through the invisible door. They were still dressed in gowns by the time they reappeared at school.

#### Problem Solving with Judge Pao

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Wong, Sze Ying – 8

Last night, I watched a cartoon on Youtube about Judge Pao.

I asked my mother, "Why Judge Pao has a moon on his forehead?"

Mother said, "That one is his birthmark." Father also added, "Judge Pao is a symbol for righteousness. Just like the moon shines in the dark night.

I felt fast asleep at night. I dreamed.

I was visiting the Hong Kong Palace Museum when I walked into one of the exhibition halls – it was about Ancient Chinese. I saw a picture of Judge Pao on the wall. Suddenly, I heard some noise from my back.

A man wore a black T-shirt said angrily, "Who took my mobile phone? It must be you!"

A poor old lady cried, "No, it's not me! I haven't done that!"

They talked louder and louder. Many people were standing there watching the commotion.

Suddenly, the picture of Judge Pao talked to me, "Excuse me. I am Judge Pao." I was surprised by the talking picture! It seemed no one else could hear his voice.

Judge Pao talked again, "I know the truth. There is a young boy wearing an orange jacket who is now standing at the corner. The boy has stolen the man's mobile phone. Go and catch him!"

At first, I was scared. I knew that the thief would go away if I didn't tell the truth! So I plucked up the courage to find the security guard of the museum for help.

Finally, the security guard caught the young boy in orange jacket and found the man's mobile phone. Everyone was happy.

I returned to the picture of Judge Pao. I said, "Thank you Mr. Pao for helping the poor old lady! You are brilliant!"

Judge Pao replied with a smile, "You're welcomed."

I woke up in the morning Oh! It was just a dream. I know Judge Pao has planted the seed of righteousness in my heart.

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Wong, Yeuk Mang Tiana – 7

Do you know who's Justice Pao? Justice Pao is a character both in Chinese tales and in history. However, in Chinese tales, they did not mention his mother. That's why today I would like to tell you about her.

Justice Pao's mother was named Chang'e. One day, Chang'e saw a magic medicine. She didn't know what it will do to her but she decided to take it. Chang'e began to fly through the window, Justice Pao was only seven years old. He saw the living room was empty. No one was there. He looked out of the window. Chang'e saw her son and said, 'Goodbye darling son, I will miss you.' She blew him a kiss and disappeared to the moon. A neighbour of Chang'e saw Justice Pao at the windowsill and shouted, 'Little Pao, what happen? Why are you crying?'

Justice Pao said, 'My mother just flew to the moon, I don't know how it happened?'

'Come here I'll look after you.' Chang'e's neighbour said. Chang'e's neighbour taught him and educated him with books that can make him smart with lots of knowledge. They talked a lot about Chang'e and how much she used to care about other people. He also made the moon shape on his forehead when he was eighteen. He made it because he missed his mother and always looked at the moon to remember her. That is how he grew up to be Justice and with a moon on his forehead.

#### Pao Paw Patrol

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Wu, Asher – 6

A long time ago, the bad guys did not know what to do... T-Rex said, "Let's destroy the world!" Crocodile replied, "Let's do something good!"

"No", shouted T-Rex. Lion said, "Stop!" "Why?", asked T-Rex. "Because it's not good to fight," continued Lion. "Then whose idea is the best?" asked Crocodile. "Well," thought Alligator, "I think we will destroy the world then!"

Meanwhile, Judge Pao played with the PAW Patrol crew at the lookout. And Ryder got a silly mission. Popcorn said, "We are stuck in a jelly and I lost my furniture." Then back to the bad guys, T-Rex stole all the furniture and then Judge Pao said, "It's a mystery!" "Well, no one knows how to solve the mystery," said Ryder. "But I can!" Judge Pao responded.

And then the PAW Patrol crew said, "Judge Pao, you will solve the mystery and we will save Popcorn from the jelly." Ryder yelled, "For this mission I need Rubble, Rocky, Skye, Chase and Judge Pao on it!" Ryder said. Judge Pao said, "OK! Let me see.... There are some footprints. Found you!" "Rubble, get the person out of the jelly! Here is your furniture. I found it under T-Rex's armpits."

Then Judge Pao said to T-Rex, "Well you stole one million pieces of furniture, so you need to go to jail for one million years!" But, T-Rex had an escape plan. He took nine million steps and smashed out of the jail cell. Skye used her hook to catch him and then Judge Pao said, "Well now you need to go to jail for ten million years." But, T-Rex escaped once again by taking ninety million steps.

Lion was waiting at home for T-Rex to return. He waited for a long time and gave up, so he volunteered at the supermarket. Crocodile became a garbage man and helped to clean up the city. But Alligator kept attacking small and innocent animals and people. Penguin said, "Judge Pao, Alligator is attacking me!"

Suddenly, there were twenty doors in front of them. And then, Judge Pao said, "Are there any clues?"

"Well," said Penguin, "I figured out three clues. He must be in the swamp, so it can't be these ten doors. Hmmm..., I think the next clue is that he's green. So it can't be these five doors. And the last clue is that he has sharp teeth. It can't be this door. There are four doors left."

Judge Pao said, "This one doesn't look right. From these two doors, this one looks like it has fins. It's got to be this one... You stayed in that door for one million minutes, now you need to go to jail for one million years."

The PAW Patrol crew went back to the lookout to play Snakes and Ladders again. Zuma won the first round, Rocky won the second round, Rubble won the third round, Marshall won the fourth round and Judge Pao won at last. They lived happily ever after.

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Yeung, Tsoi Tsz Sunny – 9

My first intense case started on Thursday, in our private treehouse, when my detective crew — The Clusters — got a phone call from my teenage cousin, Timothy. We were all excited because it was our first phone call.

Timothy said, "I heard that you have a detective crew, so let's see if you can actually solve a mystery."

"I am ready to solve the mystery!" I replied immediately.

Timothy stammered, "Well... a few days ago, our three ancestors were playing the game 'Hide and Seek' in the forest. The ancestor, who was seeking, found one of her siblings, but their youngest sister is *still* missing. So, your job is to find out what exactly happened to her."

Timothy's mystery left all our jaws hanging open.

Our crew sat on the floor and started discussing how to solve this mystery.

"I think if we could somehow go back to the past, but also not disrupt the timeline, we could easily solve the mystery." I told them.

My crew nodded in agreement.

Just then, a black hole suddenly appeared on the wall of our private treehouse. Serena, who was very curious about what the black hole would lead to, poked her head in the hole. We weren't really sure if it was actually a tunnel to another place, but what we discovered was that the "hole" had enough gravitational force to pull a child into it.

"Wahoo..." screamed Serena as she disappeared into the tunnel.

I jumped in and my crew followed, shrieking as they did.

We fell into a pitch-black tunnel, like the one from Alice in Wonderland. My heart was thumping, like a fleet of bats flying insanely in my chest.

This is a disaster! I thought.

When we finally landed in the middle of a busy city, I wore a black robe embroidered with golden dragons, and the rest of the crew wore metal armor. They looked like they were ready to go to war: fierce and protective. I noticed that both the men and women around us had long hair, but the men had to tie them in braids, and women had to tie them in buns.

A woman asked me, "Someone stole my expensive vase! Can you find who stole it, Judge Pao?"

In the middle of this mess, a guard said, "Judge Pao, come back inside your room, Kai Feng Fu. It will be much more peaceful."

We followed the guards while I told my team, "I think that we are in the past and I have traveled into the body of someone called 'Judge Pao'. The woman outside asked me to solve her mystery, so I think I must be a detective."

"That's amazing," replied Filarie. "Now that we are in Ancient China, we could find your missing ancestor."

So, we got onto our horses with some difficulty and rode to the forest, which was next to the city.

At the moment we arrived, we saw the three sisters playing 'Hide and Seek'.

We immediately hid behind the bushes to see what would happen next. The eldest sister was the seeker, and her sisters hid. We crept under the tree, nearby where the youngest sister was hiding.

Suddenly, a tiger approached and killed the youngest sister before we could react. We quickly climbed onto our horses and rode back to the city before we became the tiger's next meal.

In the city, I paced around my room with my crew, thinking about how to get back to the treehouse.

Just then, the wormhole reappeared! We jumped in again, fearlessly!

When we got back to our treehouse, we phoned Timothy and told him everything. He was shocked about how we discovered the answer to his mystery.

Case closed.

From that experience, I think that each time I solve a mystery, I will be as logical and smart as Judge Pao.

#### The Stolen Amulet

Stamford American School Hong Kong, Hau, Yui Ham Rhianna – 7

"Aughhhhh!" a blood—curdling scream broke the stillness of a hot summer night. A dark shadow lurking behind the high walls of the Royal Museum of Dedubia and vanished into the hazy night. This particular evening, Judge Pao was invited by the King of Dedubia to this particular country where an exhibition about a recent piece was unearthed from the King's Valley — King Tutankhamen's amulet — was unveiled to the public. The amulet was known as a powerful vessel to hold the soul where the King was able to come back to life again. Judge Pao claimed himself a big fan of ancient Egyptian stories. Judge Pao is not good at adjusting among different time zones so traveling from Hong Kong to another country made him very tired. He tucked himself in early that night.

Next morning, Judge Pao was woken up by a ring of his phone. "What?" Judge Pao gasped, "It went missing?!" It was the King of Dedubia who was asking for help to locate the missing amulet. Judge Pao has quite the reputation and by coincident that he was visiting Dedubia when the amulet went missing. Judge Pao arrived at the museum and entered into the main hall where he saw the guard's body was lying on the ground, blood splattered all over the floor. Police came over to feed Judge Pao of what they know. "CCTV caught a black-faced man breaking in from the door but then the cameras were sabotaged. We found a blood written "PZ" on the floor so we suspect that the guard somehow knew the killer and that's also the reason why the guard got killed." As the police telling Judge Pao, his expression became tense as if he knew who the killer was. "Is not that your initials on the floor as PZ stands for Pao Zheng?! And with a black-faced man and your reputation...you are the killer!" The King ordered "Arrest him!" "Ridiculous!" Pao bellowed. He couldn't say anything more as he was indeed alone last night. Looking very carefully at the "PZ" and suddenly, he gasped. "No, it is not PZ! The direction of the words are not right. When you turn PZ up-side-down, it became Zd. Zd is...Zwastika Dedubia, your King! On a humid and hot day like this and you're still wearing the scarf. From the looks of it, you are hiding something." "How dare you say so in my land! Arrest this killer!" The king shouted with rage. Judge Pao leapt over and yanked off the King's scarf. Dried blood spots stained his white shirt and the King got panicked and unconsciously walked back a few steps where he stepped right on one sharp piece of the shattered glasses and he fell down. A shining emerald surrounded by hand—carved golden leaves fell out and rose to the air. The image of the King Tutankhamen appeared and turn to King Dedubia. "You don't deserve this treasure as you are void inside. True leader is upright and his soul will shine." The spirit boomed.

Judge Pao froze because he had never seen something like this before. Also it was because the spirit of Tutankhamen was looking right at HIM. "Me?" Judge Pao questioned. "Yes, you are the one. Do you want to stay and be the new king of this land?" Asked Tutankhamen. "Thank you but no. I think Hong Kong needs me more. But we can have lunch sometime." Replied Judge Pao. The next morning, Judge Pao left Dedubia with a light heart and another solved mystery.

#### Young Bao Who Has Scar

Stamford American School Hong Kong, Yu, Yeonseo Sophia – 8

Young Bao was a helpful, kind, and caring Chinese men; he was always paying attention to the people around him so he could be ready to help them when they needed him. Everyone in his village knew him, and he knew everyone so it was hard for him to hide. One day, the crescent scar on his forehead started to hurt so he went out to get medicine and on its way to the pharmacy he bumped into a man he had never seen before; his scar started to hurt more so he ran to get the medicine and when he arrived everyone was talking about a mysterious bag that had been stolen.

Bao is in a lot of pain, so he asks for medicine and the doctor says, "wait for a second". Bao kept waiting but the doctor didn't come back, in that moment, his pain got stronger until blood came out from his forehead. He screams so loud that everybody in the village hears him, all of a sudden one girl called Claire comes to Bao to help him and while she is helping him she tells him that the stolen bag belongs to her but nobody can know. Bao thought for a minute, and he remembered the man he bumped into on the way to the pharmacy "could he be the thief?" Bao thought. He got up and grabbed Claire by the hand "Follow me!" he said. They started running; Bao was trying to find the new man in town; he thought the man was the reason for his scar's pain and maybe the thief.

Bao sees the man sleeping under a tree, he tells Claire to be quiet and tries to wake up the man. Bao gently shakes the new guy until he wakes up. They greet each other and Bao tells him he wants to ask him some questions. Bao has a machine like a robot that scans people with its head and knows what attitude they have, after scanning the new guy Bao finds out he didn't steal the bag.

Bao, Claire and the new guy, Leo, start to walk around looking for clues when Claire heard some talking; everyone in town was suspecting that Adam (the town's bad guy) is the one who stole the bag, so after Bao finds out is not Leo; Leo tells Bao that earlier that day he saw a suspicious man carrying a bag like the one Claire described. Bao asks him "Where"? and Leo says, "over there!" while pointing at Adam's house. Bao tells Claire and Leo to get behind him, they move slowly and quietly to Adam's house but right before opening the door, Bao asks Claire "what's inside the bag?" she softly whispers "my dad's money", Bao exclaims "Why didn't you tell your dad"?! so Claire explains that if her dad who is actually the governor, finds out that his money is missing he would be so angry that he would make Chaos in the village until he finds it. at that time, the governor has been told that there is a huge crowd gathered in the village, he turns on the news to see what is happening and he sees his daughter Claire with Bao looking for something, he doesn't understand why they are together so he asked his people to follow them. When he is alone in the house, he goes to his safe to get some money for shopping and then he notices his money is gone! He turns crazy angry and starts screaming and kicking looking for his money, he screamed so loud that Claire heard him. Claire tells Bao that his dad found out about the lost money, so they have to hurry.

Bao, Claire and Leo, hurry to open Adam's door, they find Adam sleeping on his bed, they go in, tip toe, and start looking for the bag. Leo sees the bag described by Claire and tells Bao; Bao gives it to Claire who says "Yes! This is my bag!', Claire and Leo run to the governor's house to give him back the money. Bao stays and wakes up Adam to take him to get locked and sees that Adam is smiling. When the Governor gets the bag, he finds out that the money is not real, so he yells at Claire and says that Leo is the thief.

Bao is locking Adam when Adam tells him "You will never find the money!" in that moment Claire comes in and tells Bao "The money in the bag is fake!" Bao asks immediately to Adam where the money is but Adam won't say, so the go back to Adam's house and look everywhere until Bao finds one of the governor's bills and he sees another one not too far from it so he decides to follow the trail of money. They go out of Adam's house following the money they find until the reach a McDonalds inside McDonalds behind the burger fridge the fin a pile of money, "this is all my dad's money!" says Claire and finally they call the governor's people to get the money, and the Governor sets Leo free

# The Dolphin Rescue

The Independent Schools Foundation Academy, Jin, Olivia – 6

One sunny day, Judge Pao and his friend Sam, went on a boat trip. They wanted to eat lunch at a Chinese restaurant. Judge Pao loved Chinese food, especially the wonderful fried rice that always made him feel happy.

When they got to the restaurant, Judge Pao's stomach rumbled loudly and he licked his lips. "This is going to be a delicious meal," thought Judge Pho, feeling even hungrier.

They are two gigantic bowls of fried rice, and had a big red bean cake for dessert.

They got back to the boat after lunch. Suddenly, they heard some whistling sound. Judge Pao looked down from the boat." Dolphins are surrounding our boat! But I am not sure what they are doing though," Judge Pao said to Sam.

"Are they going to attack us? We'd better hide!" said Sam, feeling nervous and a bit scared.

"No, I don't think they are going to hurt us," said Judge Pao, bravely, "Dolphins are friends to human. They are smart, gentle, and kind sea creatures and I don't think they will hurt people if they feel safe. I think they might be trying to tell us something."

Sam nodded, and they decided to stop the boat first and find out what the dolphins were trying to tell thems. As the boat stopped, the dolphins formed a straight line and moved slowly towards one direction. "I think the dolphins are guiding the way! Let's follow them!" said Judge Pao.

After about ten minutes, the dolphins stopped moving. "Look over there! Is there a big net floating in the sea?" Sam shouted, pointing to the centre of the sea.

"There are two dolphins trapped in the net! It should be their parents!" Judge Pro shouted anxiously,"Let's call the Dolphin Rescue Team!"

The Dolphin Rescue Team arrived soon. "What is the matter?" asked the man in a dark blue uniform.

"These dolphins' parents are trapped in the net," said Judge Pao, "Would you please save them?"

"Sure," said the man, "We will get them out of the net in no time."

They took out a pair of big scissors and cut the net and set the dolphins free.

Soon, the boat was on its way to Judge Pao's home. Just then, twos big dolphins swam nearby the boat again. "What do they want from us now?" asked Sam.

Even Judge Pao did not know what it was doing. Suddenly, the dolphin threw two large, juicy fish onto the deck! The dolphins wanted to thank Judge Pao and Sam for saving them! Judge Pao thanked the dolphin too and squealed with delight!

Judge Pao thought about what to do to protect the dolphins on the way home, and took actions immediately as he got back. A few days later, a new law was set up in the city. It said that fishermen could not place any nets near the shore. Thanks to Judge Pao, dolphins were safe at last!

#### My New Classmate Oscar

The Independent Schools Foundation Academy, Wang, Katherine – 6

My name is Katherine, I've been a primary student for months. I made some new friends. Cutie is a little cutie—pie as her name. Sylvia is tall and smart. Sunny is open and energetic, laughs a lot. We play together in the recess time. Oscar is the weird one. He spins his ID card every day and coughs all the time. He makes most of the troubles in our class by kicking desk buddy's leg, chasing and pushing others, and laying on the floor to stop our lessons.

One day, Oscar tried to catch us. We ran away immediately and hided ourselves into a storage room. Suddenly we found something is shining. By tracing the light, we discovered an old dusty box made of gold! Could it be a treasure box? We opened it carefully. There was a very old book inside. It told a story in Song Dynasty – A prince was replaced by a palm civet. Judge Pao helped the prince to find his real mom after 20 years by fighting with the most powerful people in his time. At the end of the story, magic happens. Judge Pao appeared. He asked us what he could help? How fortunate to have such a Judge at the right time! We didn't hesitate to tell him all the concerns about Oscar, hoping Judge Pao can give him a fair punishment. Judge Pao said, "Cannot deny that Oscar is not a kind friend. But since you're in the same class, you should help him. Sometimes he just wants to draw attention and sometimes he could not control himself well. You need to tell him what's wrong and lead him to the right way." Judge Pao gave each of us a secret bracelet and said, "I believe you can help. If you need me, please put the bracelets on and I will come. See you girls!!" He disappeared with a flash.

The next week, we went for a playdate. There was a group of wooden climbing structures. We were all thrilled on it. Oscar was climbing up to a high rope ladder but suddenly could barely move. His legs were trembling "help! Help!" he screamed. I didn't think too much but said "Let's help!" We quickly held the rope ladder, "You're fine Oscar, just move slowly down, step by step!" "Don't look down please, just look at your hands!" He began to get down. At the same time, he missed a step and almost fell. What an accident! I rapidly put on my secret bracelet. Judge Pao appeared, he gently held Oscar and put him down on the ground. Then he came to us, "Good jobs! My girls." "Thank you, Judge Pao! You're our hero!" Cheered us!

After that day, Oscar is disobedient occasionally. But we are no longer afraid of him. We tell him directly when he's wrong. We find he does less and less naughty things. What a lovely change! I love all my classmates and Judge Pao too!

## Judge GOLD

The Independent Schools Foundation Academy, Yung, Julien – 7

Large ships were passing by under the great burning sun.

#### CRUNCH! CRUNCH!

I threw a crispy French fry into my mouth when a confused old man wandered towards me. He was wearing an ancient looking costume that I only thought existed in old Chinese movies.

"E-E-Excuse me?" He asked. "I-I-I don't know where to find the ch-chief executive of Hong Kong."

"Why are you looking for him?" I asked. "And why are you wearing that?" I pointed at his golden gown.

"My name is Judge Pao and I came from the past." He said confidently as he took an envelope out of his pocket. "I received this from your chief about stolen gold from the bank and I need to help your city." He explained. "I'm lost and because this is the future, I don't know where to go."

"My office is really near." I replied and showed him the way.

The chief smiled when he saw Judge Pao and shook hands energetically. He led Judge Pao and I to a massive, magnificent building that was the bank. There were many police officers looking for fingerprints or marks left behind. We walked for a long time and the doors and hallways look the same. It was like we were walking forever. We finally stopped in front of a mighty metal vault and the chief unlocked it by scanning his eye using a high level security system. The door automatically swung open and Judge Pao, who did not know anything about machines, nearly got hit by it.

The vault was as empty as a cave. Nothing was left except for a cleaner-bot that seemed to be broken.

"What is that?" asked Judge Pao, pointing at the bot. There was a blinking red light coming from the machine and it was continuously slamming into the wall like a blind pig.

"Judge Pao, there is nothing to see here. That robot was broken since the thief robber the vault. It is a mystery! The door never open and never closed! How did the thief come in?" claimed the chief.

"Hmmm.. That's suspicious." Judge Pao muttered while scratching his head.

DING! A lightbulb lit up above Pao's head.

Without a word, Judge Pao strode over to the cleaner—bot and pulled a lever to open it up. A flash of light shot out of the robot. I dashed over with the chief to see what it was. The chief and I gasped.

"The cleaner-bot must have been sucking up the gold!" Judge Pao explained. "Mystery solved!!!!!!"

The chief thanked Judge Pao for his help. I brought Judge Pao back to the ship and said goodbye to him. He waved at me as he sailed his ship back to the past.

#### Phantom Of The Money Heist

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Chan, Byanca – 7

"OH NO! Where is all the money in the safe?" Someone in the Bank of China screamed. A mysterious stranger came over and said: "Don't worry. I will help you." Then the stranger suddenly disappeared, leaving everyone in shock.

This stranger was Judge Pao. He lived in a temple in Henan Kaifeng, but happened to be in Hong Kong to visit his offspring with his assistant Zhan Zhao. He walked around the building and saw some tiny footprints. He followed the footprints, which led to a manhole cover. "The thief must have come from underground", thought Judge Pao.

Judge Pao suspected that the footprints were from rats. He asked Zhan Zhao to check surveillance videos. Zhan Zhao confirmed that some rats came from the manhole and entered the bank at night. On that night Judge Pao waited for the rats, and followed them into the sewer. But after he went into the sewer, the rats disappeared. Next night he followed the rats again, and the rats disappeared again. Judge Pao was very confused. Then he noticed there was a tiny hole in the wall. So he became tiny and went through the hole. Inside the hole was a tunnel leading to a secret base. He then turned invisible and went up a staircase. He saw two doors. When he opened one of the doors, he saw a bunch of money. Then he opened the other door; he saw a person typing on a computer with a rat plugged in.

"He must be coding the rat." Judge Pao thought. Another person entered the room and said: "Keep on working Ratly!" Ratly replied: "OK Batty!" Judge Pao waited until they left the room. He then summoned Zhan Zhao to change the code to make the rats bring the money back to the bank.

The next morning, Ratly and Batty woke up. "Go count the money, Ratly!" Batty said. Ratly then went into the room where they stored the money, but he could not see any money in the room. "The money is gone!" Ratly screamed. Batty hurried to the room. The room was indeed completely empty! "No! "Suddenly Batty shouted." It's ok! Let's wait for tonight and send the rats again." Ratly comforted him.

When the night came, Ratly tried to send the rats to the bank again, but found that he could not control the rats. When Ratly was trying to fix the rats, suddenly Judge Pao appeared in front of him, holding a giant bag. "Ah! Who are you?" Ratly screamed. Judge Pao did not answer. He put Ratly inside the bag. Batty heard the scream and hurried to the room. As soon as he arrived, Judge Pao also put him into the bag. Then Judge Pao went out of the sewer, and went to the police station.

At the police station, Batty and Ratly were screaming inside the bag: "Phantom! There was a phantom! Help!" Judge Pao told the police: "Inside the bag are the thieves who robbed the bank." Then he suddenly disappeared again. The police were shocked. Now Judge Pao is known as the Phantom of the money heist in Hong Kong.

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Chan, Cody – 7

About 1000 years ago, Judge Pao was known for his integrity and ability to solve strange criminal cases in China's Song Dynasty. Mei Ling, a daughter from a rich family, was counting her jewels in her room. A servant named Jing Jing stepped into it to serve her a cup of tea. Mei Ling quickly drank the tea without a second thought. However, she felt asleep because the tea had some special sleeping herbs added. In the nick of time, the servant rapidly grabbed all the jewels from Mei Ling's jewellery box and put all of them into her pocket. Meanwhile, the servant screamed, "Someone hits me! Ouch!" She pretended that she was also the victim hit by a thief. She thought nobody would notice her trick!

After that, a cleaner went into Mei Ling's room and saw her lying on her bed. However, all the jewels were gone! He immediately reported to Judge Pao and claimed, "Someone stole the jewels!" Judge Pao quickly arrived at the scene. He dipped into Mei Ling's tea cup and put his hand on her heart to see if she was still alive. Judge Pao said, "Mei Ling is still alive! Don't worry! She just drank a strange herbal tea that triggered instant sleep!" "Phew! What a relief!" said the cleaner. Suddenly, the guards arrived. Judge Pao smiled and said, "Just in time!"

The servant was still on duty with her moaning about being hurt by an "intruder" when she was serving tea in Mei Ling's room. Judge Pao glanced at the servant and said, "The thief is in THIS chamber!" The servant asked, "Who's the thief?" Judge Pao pointed his finger at her and said, "You are the thief!" The servant was scared and asked in a furtive way, "Why?" Judge Pao explained, "As you have a pocket in your sleeves and i could spot something shiny inside! Mei Ling's jewels were also shiny and the sparkling things in your pocket are also as shiny as her jewels! It means you stole all the jewels!" The servant shouted, "Oh! No! You have detected I'm the thief!" Judge Pao ordered, "Return all the jewels you stole and you will be sentenced to two years jail as punishment!" The servant cried, "Boo...Hoo..."

Two years passed. The servant was released. Ming Ling bumped into her on the street one day. She asked, "Why did you steal the jewels?" The servant replied, "I stole the jewels because my family had no money to buy new clothes for my daughter on her birthday." After Mei Ling knew about it, she decided to lend some of her clothes to the servant's daughter to celebrate her next birthday. The servant was touched.

This is a moral lesson. We have learnt not to steal from anyone without asking. If we want to have something we don't have, we need to ask sincerely. As a result, we may be lucky enough to have someone's helping hand. We will also be punished for doing something bad to someone else. I hope I can share this important message to the whole world!

# The Magic Pen of Judge Pao

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Cheng, Hannah – 7

"My limited edition pencil case is gone! My dad bought it for me on my birthday and it costs an arm and a leg! Someone must have stolen it. I must report it to Judge Pao." Eleanor, a P.2 student, screamed after the students went back to the classroom from a talk on honesty and justice given by Judge Pao, an honoured, renowned judge.

Eleanor dashed to the auditorium and pleaded Judge Pao to crack the case. Then, Judge Pao ordered his assistants to investigate and interview all the students in the class. His assistants found 4 suspects, namely, Amy, Bobby, Cody and Daisy. They were all present in the classroom during lunchtime, but all of them denied stealing. Judge Pao talked with them one by one.

Amy was the top student in the class. Her family was not as wealthy as others. During lunchtime that day, she was building her Lego castle. She didn't like Eleanor's attitude because Eleanor always showed off her stuff.

Bobby was a good-looking and friendly boy whom everyone liked. He was in orchestra practice at that time but he went back to the classroom to get his violin.

Cody was the mischievous boy in the class. Everyone got tricked by him. He was in the drama club trying out costumes during lunchtime. He said he had been a good friend of Eleanor.

Daisy was a quiet girl who liked reading books and enjoyed the time being alone. She didn't talk with anyone else in the class except Bobby. She reads books in the classroom at lunch every day.

After talking with them, Judge Pao ordered his assistants to search everyone's school bags and lockers. Everyone stood in front of their lockers until Amy shouted,

"The pencil case is in Daisy's locker!"

Shocked, Daisy responded at once. "I didn't take it, I swear. I was engrossed in reading. Someone must have put it in my locker!"

Judge Pao frowned, then he handed each suspect a piece of paper and a red pen.

"The pen you are holding is a magic pen. If you are telling the truth, the ink will turn black after you write. Please write your name on the paper now." The four of them went back to their seats and started to write their names.

Cody jumped for joy. "Wow! Look! The ink has changed into black, like magic. Hurray!"

Others waited long, but their names were still in red ink. Judge Pao stared at Cody and slammed his hand on the table.

"I'm in trouble." Cody thought, knees shaking. He immediately apologised to Judge Pao, admitting the theft and framing Daisy.

"The magic pen does work although it is just a regular red pen. A lie can't be covered by another lie. Everyone should be honest. The truth will emerge itself. Never tell a lie!" Judge Pao emphasised.

Everyone clapped for Judge Pao. There is no case unsolvable for this legendary figure.

#### The Mysterious Case of Bernard's Death

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Ching, Lauren – 7

A ghost of an old man stood behind two humongous glass doors. He was like a shivering kitten, lost in the rain.

The ghost, Bernard, took a glimpse of the sign stuck on the doors, it said: "Judge Pao – Yama of the Infernal Bureaucracy". He knocked twice.

"Enter." came a voice from inside.

Bernard shuffled in after shyly opening the door. Seated behind a desk was the famous detective, Judge Pao. He was scribbling in his notebook.

"Sir-" Bernard's voice drifted into the distance. "Sir-how-how"

Judge Pao had noticed Bernard, a little anxious. Judge Pao raised his eyebrows and set his pen down onto the table.

"H-Help, Judge Pao, I want to know h-how I died." Bernard spluttered.

"Everybody dies." Judge Pao answered.

"You're the world famous detective, will you help?" pleaded Bernard.

"Fine." bellowed Judge Pao, standing up and placing his notebook on his desk. *I know just the thing*, he thought as he strode towards a wooden drawer.

"Thank you!" he heard Bernard whisper gratefully.

Judge Pao pulled out a drawer and took out a glimmering sapphire.

"This is a time jewel, we're going back to the time of your death." explained Judge Pao. Bernard kept silent as the dead.

"Let's go." announced Judge Pao. "Back to the time of Bernard's death!" Judge Pao took Bernard's hand and the pair of them sank into a pale glittery mist.

Time whooshed by – Judge Pao saw many images flashing and vanishing like sparks from a lightning storm. Then slowly, the fog in his mind cleared like clouds after a rainstorm as they finally landed on solid ground.

They saw a younger, alive version of Bernard. He had the same white beard and glimmering green eyes and was stalking around the restaurant trying to find a free seat. The restaurant was very busy, it sounded like a zoo. Bernard, on the other hand, was silent as a mouse. Waiters and waitresses were hurrying back and forth, delivering meals. Chefs were shouting over each other in the kitchen. Suddenly, something happened.

#### THUD!

All was silent.

Everyone in the restaurant turned, including the chefs, who peeked through the kitchen window.

Someone screamed.

Bernard was lying on the floor. Some people stood frozen as if they were stuck in an ice block, some inched closer and crowded around Bernard.

The ghost of Bernard drifted out of the body, looking confused and upset then everything paused.

"THAT'S IT?" shrieked the ghost of Bernard.

Judge Pao kept silent.

"What?!" Bernard's mouth hung open so wide it almost reached the floor. "I just can't believe it." Bernard continued.

"You died of old age, Bernard. Dying is a part of life and you lived a full one." Judge Pao said.

Bernard's frown turned into a smile and he giggled in embarrassment. "You're right."

"Let's go, Bernard." Judge Pao said, waving. "Back to my office!" He reached into his pocket and pulled out the sapphire.

In Judge Pao's office, Bernard thanked Judge Pao for his help, he waved goodbye, then vanished.

# Who Stole the Chips?

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Fan, Jacky – 7

"Morning, kids. Do you know who I am?" Mr. Marker, the school principal of Marker School, asked as he greeted all students in the auditorium. "I am the most famous Chinese judge in the world! I am Judge Pao!"

Mr. Marker wore a Chinese top hat and a dark robe with golden dragons on it. His entire face was painted with dark brown paint. His forehead had a little crescent moon. Everyone knew that Mr. Marker adored Judge Pao so much. There was even a Judge Pao picture in his office.

Today was the Halloween party at Marker School. Everyone could dress as they wanted and bring any snacks. Some people were dressed really weirdly. Tom was wearing a giant chip bag and asked friends to call him Mr. Chipbag. Sam was wearing a big sanitizer bottle and asked others to call him Mr. Sanitizer.

It was recess time. Everyone took out their snacks. Many students brought chips because they couldn't bring them on a normal school day.

"Where are the chips?" Everyone shouted at the same time! All chips were gone! Only bags and no chips!

Everyone ran into Mr. Marker's office. They shouted, "Mr. Marker, our chips are gone!"

Mr. Marker, still in the Judge Pao's costume, glanced around his office. He asked, "What are chips?".

"Chips are the best snacks in the world! They are made with potatoes and deep fried in oil." Everyone was shocked because Mr. Marker did not know what chips were, but they tried to explain to Mr. Marker.

Mr. Marker had an idea!

Mr. Marker said, "Here is a bowl of water. Water and oil cannot mix. Chips have oil on them. Everyone, please put your hands in the water, and the person with oil on his hands is the culprit." The students then put their hands in the water one by one, and when it was Tom's turn, oil was floating on the water!

Tom muttered, "Sorry, friends. I needed chips for my costume, and my mom didn't let me bring chips to school. So, I had to steal them."

When the students were trying to get back the chips from Tom, a flushing sound came from the washroom in the principal's office. Someone walked out. It was another Judge Pao! "Kids, what are you doing here? Recess is over."

The students saw two Judge Pao (or two Mr. Marker?) standing there. They couldn't believe what they saw. The two Judge Pao (or two Mr. Marker?) were looking at each other too, and asked, "Who are you?"

Mr. Marker (the one who just came out from the washroom) discovered that his Judge Pao picture had fallen from the wall. When he put it back on the wall, suddenly, Judge Pao (who had just helped the kids to figure out the chip theft) flew into the picture! The students cowardly shrieked!

Hanging on the wall now was a picture of a grinning Judge Pao, holding a potato chip.

#### The Case Of The Crazy Sword Maker

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Huang, Edward – 7

Jed wanted to make the biggest sword in the world, he thought a lot of people would pay to see his giant sword. Jed needed a lot of people to help make the sword, so he kidnapped and forced people to work for him. If someone didn't want to help, Jed would punish them.

One night, Jed was taking a real sword that has his name on and went to a house.

"I will kidnap and force the guy who lives here to work for me," said Jed as he knocked on the door.

A guy named Chad opened the door.

Jed said,"Do you want to help me make the biggest sword in the world so we can have some money?"

"No, thanks," said Chad. Suddenly Jed started to get angry and he chopped Chad's hands off, then Chad screamed so loud and he fainted. Jed left his sword in Chad's house. Then Jed carried Chad to his own house and went to ask more people to help make the sword.

When Chad woke up, "Ouch! Oh no, my arms have been chopped off and I'm going to tell Pao," said Chad angrily.

In Pao's office.

"Who are you? Do you need some help?"

"Yes,my name is Chad and a man chopped my hands off and I wanted to tell you about this," begged Chad.

"Then who chopped your hands?"

"I don't know."

After Pao listened to Chad, he was thinking about how to solve the problem. Pao needed to first know who chopped Chad's hands off, so he decided to do it tomorrow.

The next day, Chad chose two of Pao's best fighters, Jack and Jason to follow him. Chad took them to his house and tried to find who chopped his hands off.

Later, Chad and Pao's fighters saw Jed's sword.

"Chad, a man called Jed Li chopped your hands off," said Pao's fighters.

In Pao's office.

"Judge Pao, we found a bloody sword at Chad's house. It has the name Jed Li on it. We think he is the guy who chopped Chad's hands off," said Pao's fighters.

"Great,then you guys can find Jed Li and take him here."

The next day when Pao's fighters found Jed.

"Why did you chop Chad's hands off?" Asked Pao loudly.

"I did not chop his hands off!" Said Jed confidently.

Suddenly Pao's fighters took Chad out.

"Then look at him."

"Uhhh ~ I didn't chop his hands off."

"Yes you did!"Shouted Chad angrily.

"No! I didn't!"

Suddenly, Pao's fighters took Jed's sword out.

"Jed, you better confess and look at the blood on your sword."

At first, Jed didn't want to confess, but after he listened to Pao, he confessed.

"Guards, the axe of the dog and put Jed under the axe, 3,2,1, axe down.

#### School Bus Adventure

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Lai, Henry – 7

Last year, in summer, it was hot in Hong Kong. There were two boys called Sean and Jeremy. Sean was tall and fat. He had a squeaky voice and was silly. Jeremy was fat and very short. Sean and Jeremy felt bored and wanted to do something fun. So they wanted to drive the school bus. Then Jeremy said happily, "Let's drive the school bus." Then Sean said happily too, "Let's drive the school bus now." Then they went to drive the school bus. When they went to the school bus, they didn't know where the on button was. The school bus was new, it had 62 seats, it looked like a new car, so they started to think where the on button was. Then Sean thought maybe the on button was the red button. Then Sean pressed the red button. The school bus didn't work, but the school bus light went on. Then Sean thought another school bus was in front.

So the school bus cannot go, but Sean and Jeremy went on the front school bus, then it went forward, so they could drive the school bus. When they drove the school bus, they crashed into some cars. And Jeremy was still driving the school bus, but soon the school bus was broken. So they went on a bigger school bus. Then Ms. Powell called Judge Pao to come. Then Judge Pao got in a car, but Sean put some mud on the road, so Judge Pao could not go to catch Sean and Jeremy because Judge Pao's car was stuck. Judge Pao went for another car. This time, Judge Pao was driving a school bus. But Sean and Jeremy are clever, so Jeremy crashed Judge Pao's car. But Sean and Jeremy's car was broken. Judge Pao got out of the car and saw Sean and Jeremy were on the top of the school bus. Sean and Jeremy climbed down the school bus. Judge Pao ran to find Sean and Jeremy, but Judge Pao did not know Sean and Jeremy were at the back of the school bus.

Judge Pao searched for a long time and felt tired. Then Judge Pao called, "Ms. Powell, I cannot find Sean and Jeremy." Then Judge Pao went in a lift. Then Sean and Jeremy were at the lift too, so Sean and Jeremy wanted to be at the back of Judge Pao. Then Judge Pao saw Sean and Jeremy, but the lift doors were open so they ran outside, then Judge Pao went out of the lift too. Then Sean and Jeremy ran outside the school, then Judge Pao ran after them too, then Sean and Jeremy went on a new school bus. But Sean forgot to lock the doors so Judge Pao came in. As the school bus was brand new, so Sean and Jeremy could not open all the windows. In such way Judge Pao caught Sean and Jeremy, and took them to jail.

#### The Mystery of the Golden Teacups

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Lam, Abigail – 8

Ding! The Bell rang. Judge Pao got up and went to get the letter. When he opened it, he saw a letter like this:

Dear Judge Pao,

I hereby invite you to the Grand Show for the Golden Teacups tonight at 8 o'clock. I would be glad if you could join us! The place where the show will be is the Yard of Peace.

Yours truly,

Manager of the Antique Museum, Adam

Judge Pao was excited. Adam is an old friend and the shows he organised were never disappointing. This night after dinner, Judge Pao walked happily on the sidewalk then got the Museum. Adam let him in with a warm greeting and led him to his seat. A while later, Adam went up to the stage and made a speech about the golden teacups. Just as he was about to take out the golden teacups, the lights went flashing and crackling. Suddenly, THE LIGHTS WENT OFF! They heard a heavy clomp of boots and some muttering like "Must get it quickly!" or "Stop it, Zander!". After a minute or two, the lights went back on and the golden teacups were missing! Adam was totally shocked by all what had happened and burst into tears: "Everyone please leave." Judge Pao would not let the show end. Instead, he said "Adam, maybe I can find clues and solve this mystery, but I need everyone to stay here." Adam held back his tears and thanked Judge Pao.

"Let's get this started," said Judge Pao.

Judge Pao requested Adam: "Please let me inspect the workers who know about the golden teacups." Adam said "Zander, Alex and Thomas, come out." Judge Pao looked at the teenaged boys and reviewed the clues he had heard: firstly, boots; secondly, Zander. "Hmmm..." Judge Pao thought and then asked Adam: "Who has the control for the lights?" Adam answered; "Thomas has the control. Why?"

"Because I think the thief.. Or I should say, thieves.." Adam stared at him with eyes widely open: "Who are they?"

"They are Zander and Thomas!" firmly responded Judge Pao.

Everybody turned the eyes to Zander. Zander, turned pale immediately and started to tremble: "No..no..sir..sir..please forgive me sir!" He could no longer stand and collapsed to the floor: "You are correct...I am the one planned it...but...but I just wanted to get a chance to be under the spotlight!" People were puzzled and started to whisper. Zandre continued: "My plan was like...after a while the Museum would put up posters about the missing items. By then I could return them and get rewarded. And I will be on the stage and under the spotlight!"

Judge Pao shook his head and sighed: "Child, but this is not the way to get under the spotlight! This is totally wrong." People applauded at Judge Pao's saying. Judge Pao and Adam helped Zander up, and Thomas and Alex, on the other hand, handed out the golden teacups. In a few minutes, they were taken away by the police who then arrived.

The show went on — the golden teacups looked magnificent under the spotlight at the centre of the stage.

# Momo's Adventure with Judges Bao

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Lam, Summer – 8

Hi I'm Momo, I'm eight years old. I have a time machine that I used to travel around time! This time I'm going to visit the famous Juge Bao.

Long ago there was an old man named Wong. He had a young wife named Chun and two sons named Lee and Lin. Lee was very greedy and had a lot of his own ideas. Wong was scared that if he didn't pretend to give all his treasures and the big house to Lee, Lee would kill his little brother Lin. So Wong wrote a secret message on the scroll and covered it with a self—portrait of himself sitting on a chair so Lee couldn't see the scroll. Wong told the secret to Chun and asked Chun to seek help from Bao if she did not understand. Pretty soon Wong died and Lee now had the big house to himself. Chun and Lin had the small house. Chun did look at the scroll and she really did not understand, so she gave the scroll to Bao, and straight away Bao and I started to find clues. Not long later I found out one clue and said "Uncle Bao, if someone sits normally, they won't stick their left hand out and point to the floor!". Bao replied "You are right Momo, and plus the paper is so thick!" "I know! There must be a secret note. That's why the paper is so thick and Wong wasn't sitting normally!" Momo exclaimed. "All right Momo lets go and solve that mystery." said Bao. When arriving at Wong's garden, we saw three surprised faces looking back at us so Bao explained what was going on. We led Lee inside the big house and made him close all of the curtains. If Lee saw what was happening he might also decide to kill Chun and Lin, and so we can't let him see what's happening in this little house.

Inside the dirty house, uncle Bao said "there is a lot of treasure underground here and my servants will help to dig it up, there will be enough money until Lin can work!" Bao then said "Wong Zhao and Ma Han, please dig the ground of the house right now." Soon all of the treasures were uncovered. Chun said "Thank you Bao, without you we won't be able to live at all." Bao said "you are welcome and bye!" Then we went back to Bao's house for a nice cup of tea. He offered me to stay one night to learn from him. I agreed, and he started teaching me about his job at once. He told me that a good judge should be honest, kind and smart. To solve a mystery, you should first look for clues and then use the clues to figure it out bit by bit by asking questions. Good judges don't receive anything from that person because it is their job.

## Angela The Real Detective

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Lau, Chi Yan – 7

Hi! My name is Angela Lin. I have something to tell you — I descended from Judge Bao! Isn't that cool? He was my great—great—great—great—great—great—great—great—great—great—great—great—great—great grandad. I sure wish he was still here. Also..."Angelaaaa! Breakfast is getting cold!" My mom called. "COMING!!!" I shouted. I gobbled up ham and chopped up sausages as fast as I could. "Mmmm! Delicious!" I didn't want to miss the school bus. I said bye to mom and dad and rushed out. I hopped onto the school bus and sat with my best friend Angelica Smith. I noticed her favorite diamond necklace was missing. (She has loads of them but they are plastic). "Did you forget your lovely diamond necklace?" I asked. She looked down and whisper—screamed, "OH NOOO! THAT WAS REAL! MY GEAAAAAAAATEST GRANDAD GAVE IT TO ME!!!" "Really?" I asked, unbelievingly. "Yes." She said. "Oookay. I'll help you."

When I got home, I went to the basement. If I mutter something weird under my breath, Judge Bao will appear. So I did and told him about Angelica's case. He said, "It's time for you to be like all your family members, DETECTIVES!"

"Is there any training?" I asked hopefully. Judge Bao replied, "Of course!"

- 1. Follow footprints (if any)
- 2. Remain quiet when you are spying on your suspect
- 3. Get proof then give it to the police.
- "Let's start!" Said Judge Bao.

On Monday, after school I didn't get on the schoolbus but sneaked around the dumpsters. "What'cha doin',fly?" It was Facky Janson, the class bully! "What are YOU doing here?" I retorted angrily. "Snoopin' around ter find a space ter throw yer bestie's ne..." He cupped his hand over his mouth. Luckily I had pressed the record button on my purple smartwatch Angelica gave me for my birthday. I had proof that Facky stole it! "Well, I'm just looking around." I said casually. "I will go home now, if you don't mind." I skipped the way to the bus stop. I played with my smartwatch then found the voice record. Suddenly I remembered I needed to find the necklace as promised! When I got home, I used my supercomputer Detectra with the app Shoes are fools! to look up Facky Janson. I found his footprints — in the pawn shop!

But where? I scrolled down and saw the one at Chaney Road! Detectra said in her usual high—pitched voice, "Perhaps you would like to know what he was doing. I'll play a video of him using the app <u>Binocs help a lot!</u>." I saw Facky asking the manager: "I want ter know how much this necklace costs in ten mins!" I gasped, ten minutes would be enough to call the police! I called 911 and the police came immediately. Then I hurried down to the pawn shop and told the police, "I have evidence that this boy," I pointed to Facky "has stolen my bestie's family tradition." I pressed my smartwatch and heard Facky Janson's words. "I'm very surprised that a 11 year old girl would solve a crime!" The police said. Then he turned to Facky. "Kid, where is the necklace?" The manager said, "It's right here." I took the necklace and ran to Angelica's home. "Angelica! YOUR NECKLACE!"

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Ma, Jayden – 8

A rich lady, Mrs Elenore, tottering on bound feet asking John Cliff for help.

"In a little village called Pixieplace, two young girls took photographs of fairies in their garden. People are visiting hoping to see them. I went too, staying in a little guest house right by the fairy house. At midnight, I heard two voices whispering, then I looked out of the window and saw two tiny white figures running away! All the guests' jewellery had been stolen! Everyone thinks it is the fairies! Can you help, John cliff?"

The lady left and John Cliff and Dean chatted quietly.

"This looks like a knotty case to me." John cliff scratched his chin.

"Looks like we will have to catch some fairies," Dean said while John Cliff said: "Fairies are not real. Therefore, somebody is behind this."

Next day, they went to Pixieplace, and in an old house with mysterious writing and dragon patterns, saw, on display, 6 photos of fairies playing with two young girls. The girls told him this was true. The village was making a lot of money from the tourists.

John cliff asked the girls if he could see the fairies, but the girls said "they only trust us".

John cliff went to stay at the guesthouse next door, where Mrs Eleonore was robbed. He showed the landlady a lot of expensive jewellery, then headed out.

They found the girls' old teacher, Mrs Macy .

"Lucy and Lily don't come to school now. I'm worried!

About a year ago, their parents died mysteriously, and it was very strange, they just suddenly got sick and died. Then they went to live with their aunt, she's very cruel to them, I'm sure she doesn't give them enough to eat. Whenever I see them, they look very thin and undersized."

John cliff told Dean mysteriously:"Now I know what is happening".

That night John Cliff stayed awake, silently waiting by the light switch until he heard whispering sounds. Snapping on the light quickly, there were Lucy and Lily, scared to death, holding the jewellery. He spoke gently to them.

Next day, John Cliff gathered the whole village.

"There are no fairies. They were made out of paper by the girls, the photographs were fake.but the robberies were real! Here are your robbers!"

He opened the door and gently drew in Lucy and Lily.

"Don't be afraid. Tell the truth."

"It's our aunt!" Lucy cried "after our parents died, she took all our money and she was very cruel to us. She didn't give us enough food, so we are really small.

"Then we made the fairies, so people came to the town. My aunt and her sister owned the guest house next door. They were getting rich, but also greedy. They made us rob the guests." John Cliff said: "The second aunt opened a tiny window these half—starved girls could get through. "There was A murmur of anger and disbelief then people started shouting. "We saw fairies! Lots of people saw fairies!"

Justice Bao replied: "You thought you saw fairies. You really saw two tiny girls in white. You saw fairies because you wanted to believe they were real. But they are not. Fairies are only...fairy—tales."

There was a commotion as the two aunts tried to run away. 'Justice Bao smiled. "The place is surrounded by police".

The two aunts were arrested and the girls went to live with their kind teacher, Mrs Hood.

John Cliff sat at home with Dean, smoking their pipes.

"What an exciting adventure," said Dean. "how did you know the girls were the culprits?"

"Because there is no such thing as fairies," smiled John Cliff. And I knew from the teacher the girls were looking very small and under—fed, therefore, I knew they were the robbers. I hope they will have a happy life with Mrs Macy ever after!

#### The Magical Adventure In Ancient China

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Pang, Sophie – 8

A long time ago in Canada, there once was a clever boy called Tom. However, Tom hated to work with others because he thought he was better than anyone.

One day when Tom was on the way back home from school, an old lady who was secretly a witch popped out of the dark corner and suddenly grabbed his hand and said "Wait, did you know there is a new library in the forest that is full of mystery and magic? It only opens at midnight." Tom froze in his spot and screamed in surprise. Then he went home to wait until mid—night and didn't tell anyone about the library.

At midnight, he secretly went to explore the library, he was shocked when he entered. There were thousands of spider webs in the corner and it was old and smelled like rotten eggs. It didn't look like a library after all! It wasn't a library. He began searching for a book to read until his eyes locked on a history book. Curiously, he grabbed the book and started to read it. When he flipped to a page written about Judge Pao, the book started to glow and a blinding flash of light shot out of the book like an arrow and landed on Tom.

When he opened his eyes, the library had disappeared. Tom found himself in China and was in the past. He wanted to find out why he was in China, so he followed the group of villagers all the way to a castle. In the castle,he saw Judge Pao, who was holding a picture of a missing pearl. "Does anyone want to help?" asked Judge Pao. So Tom raised his hand and Judge Pao chose him to help.

Judge Pao told Tom and his advisors to check each room and each of them ran into a room. Judge Pao saw there was an extra room and no one was checking it. So he went into the room and saw bombs! One of the advisors said "The bombs are the same shape as the pearl, I think the pearl is somewhere here!" They used a towel and cleaned every bomb and found the pearl!

However, Judge Pao still needed to catch the thief. Suddenly Tom found some letters in a room and he said "look at these letters, we can tell everyone to write down their favourite food and match the same hand—writting." After matching each word, Tom finally found the exact same hand—writing and arrested the thief.

Then, Tom felt a magical dust that was twirling around him and a few seconds later, he found himself back in the library. When he went back home, he remembered how Judge Pao team worked with his advisors and himself. "Even Judge Pao needs teamwork to solve different cases!" He exclaimed. From that day, he learned to team work with others.

#### The Diamond Meets The Nature

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Poon, Trevor – 8

"Sorry Scarlett, I'm going. I need this urgently." a sound of sigh was sounded in Kaifeng at midnight. A shinny stone sparkled in the dark. A black shadow appeared.

"Oh! Where's my diamond?" Scarlett was searching through the house nervously next morning. It was a precious amulet given by her mother when she was born. Scarlett felt worried and went to find Judge Pao. Pao, also known as Bao Zheng, is the prefect of Kaifeng, the capital of Song Dynasty of China.

"Don't worry, I will help you! Let's get my bodyguard Zhan Zhao together!" Bao calmed Scarlett down.

Bao and Zhan went to Scarlett's house. Bao reminded Zhan, "We need to look for......"

"Are these horseshoe prints?" Zhan ripped apart Bao's word.

"It is a chariot," Bao replied, "All horses have horseshoes, and I see tire tracks too."

Zhan said, "The chariot should have just left as the prints are still fresh. It leads the way to the forest!"

They followed the prints to the forest.

"This forest is much more gigantic than I thought!" Zhan was surprised as he arrived, "How do we start?"

"Clues will guide us," Bao said.

The forest was filled with pine trees. It was not easy to find the way.

"My friend Jack and I used to come to here often .We made a playhouse nearby. But sadly, Jack left Kaifeng. After his departure, my diamond was gone," Scarlett explained while walking into the forest.

"I find more horseshoes prints towards the inner forest. Shall we follow them?" asked Zhan.

"They lead to our playhouse!" Exclaimed Scarlett.

"Let's follow the prints," Instructed Bao.

The playhouse was an abandoned red-painted house, where Scarlett and Jack built hiding spots to play hide-and-seek, with illustrations on the wall of how they played.

Bao looked carefully at one of the pictures, it was a portrait of the kids. Jack was holding a diamond. It looked suspicious.

Bao asked Scarlett, "Did Jack hold a diamond when you painted it?"

She replied, "We never painted it."

"The paint is fresh, he should be nearby. Let's arrest him!" Zhan ran towards the exit.

"No, he's my friend! He should have left Kaifeng already for finding job!" Scarlett stopped Zhan.

Bao suspected, "He stole the diamond for money?"

While they left the playhouse, they saw a shadow. Zhan chased after him and ran into a dead end! He tried punching Zhan, but Zhan dodged his punch and pushed him to the floor to arrest him.

This was Jack!

Bao asked, "Did you steal Scarlett's diamond?"

Jack kneeled down, "Yes, Because my brother is sick! I can't afford a doctor! I was hoping to find a job but failed! I want to borrow the diamond and return it later. However, I felt I'm wrong, so I came back and secretly returned it."

"I know why you stole the diamond. Now you realise you are wrong. As a good friend, I'm sure Scarlett will help you."

Scarlett responded, "Sure, I will!"

"Now, we got everything cleared. Let's leave! I can bring you to Mr. Gungsun, who can cure your brother." Bao said.

Jack took the diamond out, "Scarlett, I'm sorry for stealing your diamond. Here I return to you. Will you forgive me?"

"Of course! We are friends!" Scarlett smiled.

#### The Magical Dream

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Tseng, Serena – 8

Mary was in the old dusty attic of her grandma's cottage. She used to spend hours there wandering around and searching for something unique.

That time she spotted a marble cupboard, she hasn't seen before. Mary came closer and saw a ancient picture, How curious! I wonder who is he! I'll go ask grandma, perhaps she knows Mary rushed down the stairs and found her grandma in the living room, knitting a pair of warm mittens for her granddaughter.

Grandma,can you tell me the story of this painting? She asks ,This man is your great —grandfather. He was a judge, you could go to the museum to learn more. Mary loved the idea and ran to the museum excitedly.

Mary found the museum very interesting, she learned about the judge Bao Zheng, who lived in the 11th century in Anhui province. He was a distinguished politician and was known for his wisdom and justice.

After that she was exhausted so she sat down and fell asleep.....

Wake up! The unspeakable is coming!Someone suddenly said, What happened? Ask Mary as woke up and stared at the crowd. Unspeakable is coming yelled Tai Zhong emperor. What's the unspeakable? Ask Mary, every night someone who we call the unspeakable comes to the museum to steal painting's! Explained the lady.

Suddenly she realised that they are painting's!Am I dreaming? thought Mary at this moment the statue that came alive knew she was a human!She could be the one to help!Said Sung Wu.

Everyone wants to get rid of the robber and save the kidnapped ones so Mary went to defeat the robber.

Mary saw a picture and underneath it say's bao accused somebody of stealing money and got sent to jail and when he got back out he swore that he'll get revenge!

That'll be the motive! Mary immediately said.

Good clue said someone,Mary turned around and saw a man standing there You're bao the justices!Shouted Mary.Yes.Said Bao now let's go solve the case before it's to late!

They went in to the basement and saw someone trying to burn some figure!Stop! Why are you doing this?ask Mary

I wanna be famous so if the famous people disappear I will super famous shouted the thief and I will erase you too! That's my revenge !Suddenly Mary tripped and she pressed the button that sprayed the fire extinguisher on the thief and as it's made out of paper it melted away. After that they rescued the painting that was kidnapped, when they went back all of the people celebrated! Thank you for your help. They all said you're welcome because I'm Bao's

granddaughter! Wow they said nice to meet you they said then a bright light shone and the next moment her grandma was trying to wake her up, is it a dream?asked Mary, It's nighttime so let's go home, on the way home they spotted a picture of Mary and Bao arresting someone! That sure looks like you said grandma. Mary smiled.

#### Judge Pao and the Frozen Army

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Van Hoof, Chloe - 8

The army officer moved his hand for another sip of soup. To his surprise, he fell over. He tried to get up, but he was frozen. When Gongsun Ce, Judge Pao's adviser, saw this, he immediately told Judge Pao that the man was paralyzed. Another officer reported, "This has happened a lot lately, and only half of the army is left, that's why we requested you to come here."

After lunch, Pao pulled Zhan Zhao, the royal guard loyal to Pao, to a corner of the tent and whispered, "Observe the kitchen closely and see if you find any clues." Just before sunset, Zhan Zhao hid in the rarely used huge stove. His eyes glued on every person that entered the tent, searching for misfit objects. He saw Shang He the cook leave the tent. Moments later, Shang He returned holding a bottle of unidentified yellow liquid, and poured it into a big pot of soup. Zhan Zhao found some spilled soup leftovers and took it back to Pao. Gongsun Ce tested it with a silver needle for poison. The needle turned black!

The next day, Pao went to Shang He's tent when he was cooking lunch. Pao heard a hissing sound and found a small cage with an inland taipan snake inside. The snake's eyes flicked forward and Pao followed its gaze, and some Mongolian documents caught his eye. The Han Chinese had been at war with the Mongol since Genghis Khan dominated the Mongol Empire. The documents were addressed to Genghis Khan, the sworn enemy of China, written by Bazar Gantulga.

Pao called Zhan Zhao and revealed, "Shang He is actually a Mongol called Bazar Gantulga. He has been poisoning our army with snake venom, and spying on us all this time!" Overhearing this, in a flash Bazar ran away, into the thick and treacherous forest. He darted left and right, behind trees and over logs, dripping with sweat, summoning all of his force to sprint to the fast approaching Mongol territory. Zhan Zhao was on his heels, his heart filled with rage that powered him faster and faster to chase after Bazar. But would he make it in time?

Suddenly, a light shot out of Pao's moon shaped scar into the forest, flooding the forest with light, blinding Bazar. Bazar dropped to the ground in agony, allowing Zhan Zhao to catch and shackle him.

"O-O Okay..." Bazar, shaking in fear, reluctantly agreed to spill the secrets of the Mongols in exchange for his life. He told the Chinese army about the Mongol's battle plans and the weaknesses of Genhis Khan and his troops.

One by one, under the good care of Gongsun Ce, the paralyzed soldiers got up strong and healthy, ready for battles.

Day by day, the Chinese army prevented the Mongols from invading, preserving the Song dynasty from the Mongol conquest.

Year by year, Judge Pao's relentless efforts helped restore justice for the people of China.

#### No Water!

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Wong, Hera – 7

In the old days there was a cave village with no rain. The villagers only have water from a very small well, each day everyone can only get small amounts of water to share. Life was very harsh.

One morning the villagers found there was no more water in the small well. The villagers have no idea what happened so turned to Judge Pao for help because he was the smartest of them all. Judge Pao had heard the villagers' story, he was also worried he had no water too, so he joined the investigation of water.

Judge Pao first went to check out the well. There was a cover on the top of the well, this means the water did not evaporate because of heat. He then sees some puddles around the well, he wonders if he could follow the puddles leading to an answer. He follows the puddles around the houses, round the rocks, round the trees, over the grass and evaporates to the hot sun outside. It was a dead end.

Judge Pao is very disappointed that puddles didn't give him any clues. "Maybe it was a water thief that wanted all the water for him?" He thought. Suddenly he has a great idea.

Judge Pao asks everyone to join him outside his house and he asked his loyal guard Zhanqiao secretly dressed as a god in his house. He then shouted "I have asked the water gods to help us once again with water, but he only wants to see you in my house one person at a time before giving out more water. So please line up."

Everyone is very happy that they now no longer need to worry about water so they all rush into Judge Pao's house, each wanting to get more water first. Just then, Judge Pao then saw two people walking very, very slowly at the back, they didn't look as happy as the others. Judge Pao walked to ask them, "Why are you moving so slowly?" The two people just said they are tired.

"Tired from stealing all of that water from the well?" Judge Pao asks.

"No Judge Pao, we are only tired because of no sleep last night." Judge Pao sees they are scared. Maybe they are hiding something? Maybe about the missing water from the well?

Judge Pao looks at their feet. Their feet were all wet. There were puddles of water behind them and leading to their houses. The missing water must be in their houses!

"Wet feet, no sleep, not as happy as everybody when there is water? You two must be the water thief. Guards get them!"

Judge Pao sent guards to their houses and found many buckets of water. The two men admit they had stolen everybody's water in the middle of the night because they were selfish.

In the end the stolen water was recovered and everybody had their share of water. The two thieves were locked up and never to steal water again.

#### Judge Pao and the Case of the Ghastly Ghost

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Wu, Ariel – 7

One dark, dark night, Judge Pao was walking beside the creepy graveyard. He looked up at the moon, shining down as bright as ever. He decided to go home, he walked along an abandoned path, but suddenly, the streetlights clicked off, "CLICK!" Judge Pao didn't know what was happening. He took two steps forward on the road that was weirdly crunchy and full of leaves, "CRUNCH, CRUNCH!" the lights flickered off. Someone is messing with the lights he thought.

The next night, the same flickering lights, and the same dark, crunchy path. Judge Pao kept thinking every day and night. Even when he was at work in the morning! So he said to himself, "I have to get to the bottom of this." The next day he hid in the flower bushes and waited till dark, but no one came. He gave up and walked home but the lights flickered on and off again.

Judge Pao went to work the next day rather excited than nervous! He was going to crack the mystery, at work he solved case after case, hoping to have at least something useful! But he got way too lost in his work! And after all that he could barely remember the flickering lights! Days passed, he remembered he had something in mind, he just didn't know what it was! Looking at his watch, he realised he was late, "Rats!" he said as he hurried off, listening to the light flow of the birds chirps and the rough blow of the foggy wind.

Though he thought for so long he just couldn't remember the flickering lights. After a whole week, he got home a little early from work, so he could go for a walk. Going for the walk in the night reminded him of the flickering lights. He thought "I've wasted a whole week! I've got to start solving this case!" Judge Pao wandered around looking for clues absolutely everywhere! But got no luck, then he stood up from the floor and he felt a chilly wind passing him. He knew the second the wind touched him that the ghost was following him, creeping along, hiding from him. Suddenly the ghost whispered in a breezy voice "How did I die, How did I die. Tell me or I shall haunt you forever!"

Judge Pao pinched himself: "Please say I am dreaming." His faint voice whispered in the empty park, after that he replied: "I'll try." Sending the small message around the park, to the ghost whose name was Mr. Grim.

Judge Pao questioned his death date, death place, after going there they found out that Mr. Grim actually got killed when he himself was cooking! The knife was sticking out of the table and he didn't notice! Mr. Grim thanked Judge Pao and the next day he stopped flickering the streetlights! Judge Pao thought to himself what a ghastly adventure, and chuckled the whole way home.

#### Judge Pao and The Kind Alien from Planet Ice

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Wu, Conrad – 8

Planet Ice is always cold and freezing. The aliens from this planet were all sick of the weather.

The Evil King Ice announced a message on a Saturday morning. "Today, we will travel to planet Earth and escape this terrible freezing icy planet!"

"Let's escape this icy place!" All aliens were cheering and chanting, all except for one, Freeza, who is the son of the King.

As the aliens cheered and clapped in the cannon shaped spaceship traveling to earth, Freeza was sitting in the last seat of the spaceship, thinking about the human beings on earth.

Back on earth, everyone was having a good time. The big, tall and black—faced Judge Pao was sitting at home drinking coffee. He has been protecting the earth for centuries.

Suddenly, he heard a big explosion at a nearby mountain. Kaboom! Judge Pao rushed out the door, he saw smoke coming out, it was the aliens' spaceship! Then he heard a big sound roaring from a megaphone, "humans, today we came to take over your planet! Let's party!" The aliens launched big cold ice balls on top of buildings, shooting icicles around and destroying the city.

Judge Pao yelled like a giant: "You can't destroy the planet!"

"Yes we can!" the aliens shot back, that's when the observant Judge Pao noticed Freeza who was different from the other aliens. Judge Pao saw hesitation and confusion in his eyes. It looked like Freeza didn't agree with what he saw.

Judge Pao barked at Freeza: "you, I know you don't approve what the other aliens are doing. You are different, I can see braveness and kindness in your heart. Talk to your people and let's stop this together!"

Freeza was shocked that Judge Pao could read his mind. He pulled up his Braveness, turned back and stared at the other aliens, he bellowed: "we can't attack humans! If humans attacked us, how would we feel?" The evil king was shocked and stopped what they were doing.

Judge Pao knew his plan was working, he also yelled: "he is right! You can't just take over other people's lives, you don't want the universe to be in war!we should share this planet and care for each other!"

After a short silence, the evil king's heart melted away, because he was touched by how kind and brave Freeza was. The king regretted and apologized for what he did. Judge Pao felt happy. Just then, a lightbulb popped out of Judge Pao's head. "AhHa!" "you aliens can come to live with us! But you have to be kind and help each other out. Promise?" "Yes!" aliens agreed happily.

The humans and aliens learnt a lesson, always be kind and helpful. After that, the aliens and humans had a happy and peaceful life together.

#### The Adventure Camp

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Xu, Helena – 8

ZZZZZZ!So annoying! Interrupting my sleep!Read this story and it'll tell you!

My name is Tuanzi, I am a secret assistant who works for a hero called Mr.PAO to accomplish secret missions. Mr.PAO and I communicate with special headphones. Today I'm embarking on another difficult task for Mr.PAO.

One night, I was sleeping peacefully in my bed when my mom BURST into my room! She cried"Tuanzi,you have been accepted in YK PAO school!"She hugged me firmly. I was so excited! While packing up, my headphones started ringing,"Hi,Tuanzi!I'm Ms.PAO! Today you're going to YK PAO school, and you will get secret training...... "And she .HUNG UP.

5 mins later, a helicopter landed on the pad beside my house. I found Mr.PAO inside waiting for me!He exclaimed"Tuanzi,you are going to train in secret in my school for a week!"The helicopter took off.

Finally, we arrived at YK PAO school! Mr.PAO cried, "Everyone! This is our new student, Tuanzi"5.4.3.2.1.CELEBRATION!!Party decorations EXPLODED around the room, just like a party!

After my welcome party, Mr.PAO whispered "Tuanzi, everyday you must come to my office at 9:00pm, that's when you start your training."

I'd spent great days at YK PAO school. When I had to go home again.....I suddenly got a call......from Mr.PAO.

He said :There is a mysterious person, he will POISON our school in 5 MINUTES! Mr.PAO gave us each a gas mask and he announced to me that it's me to press a button inside the building.

I must rush!2 mins off,1 min left,I rushed to the fourth floor and started to find the room where Mr. PAO was . I found it!30 seconds left,20 seconds left,I got inside and pressed the button,10 secs left.9,Mr.PAO rushed inside, he pulled the lever,shield opened and the gas won't be exploded.But the shield can only last shortly.8,7.6,car parking lot.5.4.3,I DID IT!!!Everybody cheered when I pressed the button.2.1.EXPLODED!!HILARIOUS!!We all looked at the HUGE EXPLOSION.Mr.PAO was a true hero!I cried"Without your help,I will never manage.Thank you Mr.PAO!"

Suddenly, spikes emerged from the ground, Lisa screamed "AHHHH!!" As one of the spikes went reaching for her, but...... Mr.PAO grabbed his sword and cut down the spike, swoosh! Another spike's been cut down. But there were too many of them, and one of them emerged behind Mr.PAO's back, Watch out! Luckily, a shield appeared behind Mr.PAO's back and defended him. It even pushed the spike to the ground! Mr.PAO told us to hide far from him. And suddenly, we felt a HUGE gust of wind, and the BIGGEST swing of a sword swished and swooshed down the spikes! The students gasped and burst into applause. I'm super a mazed!

It was a great experience in YK PAO school, but when I got in the helicopter, I collapsed in a BIG SLEEP! Unfortunately, soon enough, after 8 days, Mr. PAO cried "Tuanzi! Mission!" What is it? Virus attack!? Statue missing mystery? Crashed buildings? Well, next time you'll know.....



# Creative Writing Fiction Group 1

#### Investigation of the Haunted House

Catholic Mission School, Cheung, Haley Elisabeth - 9

Judge Pao was once a detective. He had a mission to find mysterious clues or objects in a creepy, old haunted house. The haunted house was built in 1888. It was rusty, walls were cracking with lots of mold. He already knew this mission was going to be very hard. There were lots of myths and legends about this place; there were also ghosts roaming in the halls!

Judge Pao started his mission. The house was exactly how he pictured: he found lots of clues right away after he had walked down the hall. There on the floor, a note wrote,

"If you see this I am probably not alive. I still roam around this house because I used to live here."

"I know there must be more notes and clues about this place, and this man that roams around." Pao murmured. "I must investigate further."

Judge Pao kept walking and searching, until he saw a painting on a wall. CRACK! With no signs, it suddenly fell down. He looked at the picture and muttered,

"This is very strange. I feel like I've seen it before! I will take it back to the kingdom."

While he was walking out of the house as his job shift ended, he discovered the door was locked.

"This can't be!" yelled Pao, in complete shock. "I had left the door unlocked when I entered!"

Scared, he tried to find the way out. But then, he found another locked door. He quickly runninged for the keys under the couch, in the drawers, every book and cranny in sight. Within moments of searching, he felt some cold steel sticks, ringed up by a metal circle.

"Aha! Found you!" Pao exclaimed in joy.

Judge Pao unlocked the door. When he stepped in, he could not believe his eyes: there were lots of cages, almost looked like a dungeon. He opened the cages to see if there was anything inside but all he could found was lots of trash.

"What's this?" Pao mumbled.

There was a locked cage. He checked the other cages once again and found the key for it in a box. He opened it carefully, and yet again saw another key.

"This must be it! The key for the front door!"

He dashed to the door, opened it and left!

He looked at his watch and it was eleven o'clock at night! He went back to his work office immediately and put the evidence safely on his desk.

"Was it a dream or was it..." thought Pao pensively. "What happened was so ridiculous. No one will ever know...only myself..."

#### The Gold Thief

Catholic Mission School, Shuai, Oi-yan Isabelle - 9

The Emperor always counts his money everyday, but today some of his valuable gold is missing! The Emperor is totally panicking — they must find out who has stolen his precious savings. If they don't, the thief will think the coast is clear and rob him again. The Emperor held a meeting to try and figure out who had stolen his gold. He asked all his servants if they had seen anyone who took his glistening money. The Emperor's chef, called Ga Teng, said that he witnessed someone running out of the palace at night but only saw the person's face for a split second. Ga Teng said that the robber looked like another servant called Guan Meng (who has long hair), but Guan Meng swore he didn't steal the gold. Now the Emperor was suspicious.

The Emperor hired a detective to find out who stole his gold. The detective asked if anyone had seen the thief and the Emperor said that Ga Teng had. The detective knocked on Ga Teng's door. The detective asked if he could ask three questions and Ga Teng agreed. First, the detective asked him what he was doing when he saw the thief. He said that he was getting some water and he heard a sound. Then, the detective asked if the thief was carrying a sack and Ga Teng said no because he said that he saw the gold shining in the moonlight that shone through the windows. Finally, the detective asked if Ga Teng recognized the thief and he said that he looked like Guan Meng because he had long hair. The detective thanked him and then started looking for clues around the palace. He was walking around the palace when he saw a gold coin under a plant. The detective asked a maid sweeping the floor nearby who slept in the bedroom near the plant. She said it was Guan Meng's room. The detective knocked on the door and asked to search the room, Guan Meng said no and slammed the door in his face. So the detective told the Emperor and he demanded that the detective be able to search the room. Inside the bedroom the detective found more gold coins! The detective told the Emperor and he immediately fired Guan Meng and sent him to court.

Judge Bao had just graduated from judge school and do you know that he has a moon on his forehead because people say he came from the moon? At court, Judge Bao asked why there where gold coins in his bedroom and Guan Meng said he didn't know. Judge Bao knew that obviously he was lying because the door was always locked so only he could get in, he asked Guan Meng to explain. He said his family needed money so he robbed he Emperor. Judge Bao said it was wrong and there was nothing he could do because it was illegal. Then, he yelled, "Off with your head!"

#### The Crown Incident

Catholic Mission School, Smith, Natalie - 9

The crowd cheered as the Queen of Siberia appeared. She wore a long silk cloak and at the top of her head sits a crown made of pure gold, diamonds, emeralds and other beautiful gemstones. The Queen had come to visit the Emperor Zhow. He was very proud of his country and the honesty and loyalty of his people.

Judge Pao was standing in the third row watching. Right next to the queen were her two very trusted servants: Shing Zin and Xan Xi. These two looked very proud of themselves and their jobs, but Judge Pao felt there was something odd about Shing Zin.

The Queen was staying at the Hai Lee Palace for one week. She entered on a red carpet and was greeted by applause. For dinner they served her dumplings with caviar inside. After that, she went to bed in her queen—sized bed and slept soundly.

The next morning the Queen woke with a start.

"The crown has been stolen," shrieked one of her servants.

"What?" said the Queen, in shock. "That can't be possible!"

"Come and see if you don't believe me," yelled Xan Xi. So, the Queen got out of bed and hurried to the room where the crown was kept. She saw broken glass, but there was no crown.

The Queen was in despair. "We shall have to ask for help."

"We shall ask the finest detective we can find! This is the crown of Siberia!"

Judge Pao did not want to disappoint the Queen. He took the job and began looking for clues. First, he took a horse and carriage from the capital Kaifeng to Siberia. There he talked to some people and found out that Shing Zin, one of the queen's closest servants, owned a weapon-making factory. That made Judge Pao thought of something – maybe Shing stole the crown – but he did not know why.

A few days later, Judge Pao received a letter stating the Queen was furious and she planned to invade China because of the crown incident. It led him to realise Shing Zin must have stolen the crown because in a war, he would make a lot of money selling weapons. He explained all of this to the police. They all searched Shing Zin's bags and found the crown.

That is the story about Judge Pao and how he found a queen's crown. He helped to prevent a war!

Farm Road Government Primary School, Chan, Tsam Wai Talia – 8

Dragon Zhu, the king of all dragons, had three sons, Dragons Ying, Qing and Cang. One day, King Zhu decided to pass on his power to his three sons. However, they had to transform into humans and learn how to manage the world before they could be granted the power.

The king assigned Ying to manage the mountains, Qing the sea and Cang the forests. The king told them he would come get them at the right time.

A few years passed, and the world had turned into a better place with the help of the princes. Everything was in harmony and everyone was happy. One day, Cang told his brothers that the king was not going to come back. They would have to stay in the human world. Cang decided to become a king of the forest instead of waiting. Although Ying and Qing disagreed with him, Cang started to build his own kingdom anyway.

For the coming years, Dragon Cang kidnapped people and animals as slaves to build his kingdom. He used his power of mind control to manipulate them and forced them to be his labourers and armies. Cang built his army around Kaifeng, which he planned to take as his capital.

Ying and Qing were aware of Cang's intentions and wanted to stop his plan. However, they didn't have the ability to undo his manipulation. Only a person who was extremely honest, upright and with the ability to communicate with spirits could awaken those being manipulated.

Judge Pao was a well-known Chinese politician who was honest and upright. Ying and Qing reached out to Judge Pao in his dream and told him Cang's plan, telling him how to resolve this crisis.

The next day, Judge Pao gathered up his righteous and incorruptible squad and started to prepare for the battle. Pao's skilled bodyguard, Zhan Zhao, would need to retrieve an imperial sword from the previous emperor's tomb. Gougsun Ce, Pao's secretary, was appointed to notify the citizens of Kaifeng not to leave the city. There were also four enforcers named Wang Chao, Ma Han, Zhang Long and Zhao Hu, whose mission was to scout for Cang's progress.

A few week later, on a full moon, Cang decided to take down Kaifeng. Judge Pao and his squad had prepared well for this moment. Kaifeng was surrounded by Cang's armies, but the four enforcers were holding their special weapons in the four different corners of the city wall. Judge Pao was standing on top of the central tower and held the imperial sword up high. The moonlight shone upon the sword which broke into four beams which reflected to each of the four corners. Cang's armies awoke from his manipulation and no longer served him.

Judge Pao and his squad had saved Kaifeng from the crisis, and Cang was punished by King Zhu by taking away his power. The world became peaceful again and the people passed the story of Judge Pao from generation to generation ever since.

HKCCCU Logos Academy, Hui, Chung Yin Mile - 6

Simmy sat slumped in the corner, sobbing into her hands. She found everything had gone. She could do nothing but cry.

Simmy was the pet shop owner. She was a pet lover and the pets loved her. She worked hard and long hours every day, but her shop didn't do good business. A few months ago, Simmy met Tommy. They became friends. Tommy seemed a good guy and she trusted him. He didn't want to see Simmy work so hard. He proposed to buy Simmy's pet shop so that she could go out to work and earn a living. Simmy agreed, provided that Tommy would keep it as a pet shop and take good care of the pets.

One day, Simmy came back to visit her pets. She didn't find the pet shop. She found a car shop instead. Tommy betrayed her. He turned her pet shop into a car shop so that he could earn more money and do good business. She could never see her precious pets again. That was the reason she cried.

Whenever any unfair event happened, Judge Pao would come to help.

Judge Pao sent his super pets Zhan Zhao to investigate the case and Gongsun Ce to collect evidence. Both of them had superpowers. They could transform themselves into anything. Zhan transformed into a dog. Now, he had a strong nose and could trace things miles away. He followed the smell and footprints and eventually found the pets. They were trapped in a container. Zhan saved them.

On the other side, Gongsun transformed into a dragonfly. He flew into Tonnny's house to catch Tonnny. In this moment, Simmy, Zhan and all the pets came to confront Tonnny. Suddenly, Judge Pao was at the door. "Prepare the guillotine!" shouted Pao. "Please don't hurt anyone even though they are bad guys!" pleaded Simmy. Tonnny was touched by Simmy's move, he decided to turn himself in to the police.

"Simmy, you are kind and have a good heart. Now you can take back all the pets. They love you so much." said Judge Pao.

Starting from this day, Judge Pao would persuade bad people to turn themselves in. He stopped using the guillotine to cut people's heads off!

#### Judge Pao and The Diamond Coronet

HKCCCU Logos Academy, Lai, Hiu Chung - 8

During the World Cup 2030, Judge Pao was sitting in front of his TV at home watching his favorite soccer team trying to beat a rival soccer team in the final. Suddenly, he was interrupted by the admiral of the Navy. The admiral said, "Three diamonds of an ancient coronet are missing."

"WHAT! I should go to the scene of the crime now." shouted Judge Pao. After they arrived at the Temple of China, they immediately began the search. Judge Pao took out his magnifying glass to search the surrounding windowsills and chests. Without any luck, the last thing they searched for was a small empty can of sardines and a green ring with "E.G.G." carved on the inside. Pao said, "The only clue I can make out of this ring is the person who stole it is a hacker from another dimension."

The Admiral whispered, "Recent reports of the Daily Telegraph announced that there is a discovery of a green portal in the middle of China."

They arrived at their target dimension named Snowly. Pao said, "All that's left to do is to find who left this ring." Pao randomly stopped a citizen to show him the ring for some clues. But there were thousands of citizens in this dimension. Pao said, "Since mixing yellow and blue is green, let's try to target a yellow citizen first." A few hours later, they found the right yellow citizen. They said that the green hacker was his neighbor. Pao said, "He stole three diamonds of an ancient coronet from the Overworld. Do you know where he's gone?"

The yellow hacker answered, "He went to the third dimension called Unidentified Flying Egg. We are now in the second dimension. You were in the first dimension, and the portal to the third dimension is in the town pub."

Pao said, "Thank you very much! Here is five dollars for your help."

They arrived in the third dimension from the portal of the town pub. Pao saw a statue of an egg. He took out his magnifying glass and found a green fingerprint on the egg. Pao said, "The thief must have been here before and put his finger here, but why?"

The admiral said, "Let's try to press the fingerprint the thief left with your finger. Maybe there's a secret button."

Pao agreed "Sure!" Judge Pao tried it, and it worked. The egg revealed a secret entrance. Pao went through the secret entrance leading to a secret base. Pao saw the green hacker texting other countries' governments trying to sell the three stolen diamonds. "The game is up. You are under arrest!" shouted Pao.

The admiral happily waved to the Daily Telegraph and said, "Judge Pao closed the case of the diamond coronet by catching the criminal in the third dimension".

Judge Pao said, "Stealing rare ancient artifacts is a serious crime. I shall sentence you to 10 years in prison." The president of China gave Judge Pao a medal for saving one of China's most precious artifacts.

HKCCCU Logos Academy, Tam, Ho Him - 8

Victor woke up to find himself in a strange place. Around him there were thousands of silent screams, fires and souls. He soon realised he was in the underworld. He touched his chest, there was a wet hole in it. Suddenly, the face of a psycho flashed into his mind. The last thing he could see was the psycho holding a bloody knife.

He felt better so he went for a walk in the underworld. He wanted to ask people for help. He soon saw a black man with a crescent moon on his forehead. Beside him was a man with a waxed moustache, wearing a top hat and tuxedo. They were the famous Judge Pao and detective Hercule Poirot! He quickly rushed to them, yelling "Help me! Help me! I was killed by a psycho!"

"Calm down!" said Hercule. "We are detectives! Explain to us slowly."

"Well I used to be the boss of a company. Soon, our company was bankrupt so I had no choice but to fire all of my employees. Among them was a poor man, with not much money. He was mad that I fired my best worker, s-s-so he k- killed me!" Victor cried with terror. "I see, so you want us to help you find the psycho?" asked Judge Pao. "Yes! Quickly, before he escapes!" replied Victor.

At that moment a Hellhound passed by. "What are you talking about?" it asked in a gruff voice. "Uh...we are just talking about...how we died!" stammered Hercule. "I don't think so! You think I'd fall for that?" the Hellhound howled. Without thinking, Judge Pao snapped his fingers and they vanished into thin air.

"Thank you! Thank you for saving us, Judge Pao!" exclaimed Victor. "No need to thank me. Now, what did the murderer look like?" asked Judge Pao. "He wears glasses with broken lenses, has a bald patch and dull eyes. He has a scar on his right hand and lives at 14 Dark Avenue." said Victor. "Alright, when we arrive at Dark Avenue, Victor will lead us to the murderer's house. Then we will question him. Do you all agree?" asked Hercule. "Yes!" screamed Victor and Judge Pao.

They soon found the murderer in a dark alleyway. "Hey! You there! Come over here at once!" shouted Hercule. "What do you wanna do? You troublemaker!" shouted the murderer. "I've come to question you about what happened. First, where did you use to work? Second, did you kill Victor?" asked Hercule. "None of your business!" And like that the old man grew horns and wings sprouted out of his back. He swiftly flew away. But then Judge Pao threw a rope burning with fire and when it hit the mutant, the mutant melted before their eyes.

"Judge Pao! You are my saviour!" said Victor. "You are welcome." replied Judge Pao. All of a sudden, light began shining on Victor, then he began to change back into a human!

HKCCCU Logos Academy, Wong, Bella - 9

One evening, when I used my computer at home, I found I had lost my money saved in my bank. I felt frightened. I took a deep breath and said to myself, "Calm down." I suspected a hacker had used my bank information to steal my money. Then, I called the police.

The police arrived at my house, and I explained what had happened. Unluckily, they could not solve my problem. "Sorry. We failed to find any clues." They then called Judge Pao who was the most intelligent and popular detective in the city.

It was my first time to see him. He had a crescent—moon shaped scar on his forehead. His skin was black, and he wore a black suit too. He was silent and cool. He was like a mystery. After he had listened to the police, he thought about it for a while. Then, he took out his notebook and traced the IP address to find the location of the hacker. I frowned with my heart racing. We successfully got the address and rushed to the destination.

After we had arrived at the destination, we found it was a cyber cafe. I felt hopeless because we had reached the end of the clues. My eyes brimmed with tears and I sobbed, "Many people have used computers here. How can we know who the hacker is ? I must have lost all my money." Judge Pao replied calmly, "Follow me."

Judge Pao walked around the cafe without saying anything. After a short while, he told the policeman, "Check the webcam over there." From the video shot by the webcam, we saw there were three suspects using the same computer today, so we called the bank which helped check if these suspects had received any big sum of money.

The bank found that one of the suspects, Tom, had received a large amount of money in the morning. The police took action immediately. They went to Tom's house and said to him, "You are under arrest." They took Tom to the police station and interrogated him. Tom admitted that he had hacked into my bank account.

I said to Judge Pao excitedly, "Thank you so much for your help."

Judge Pao said, "You're welcome. By the way, do you know why your bank account was hacked so easily?"

I was confused. "I...am not... so sure."

"Was your password 12345678?" he asked.

I was speechless and nodded my head. Judge Bao continued to say, "Your password is too simple. To protect your information, you must set a password with symbols, letters and numbers." Then, he waved his hand to me and walked away.

After that, I took Judge Bao's advice and became more careful with my bank information.

HKCCCU Logos Academy, Yung, Chung Yu - 6

Once upon a time, there were seven dwarfs working in a mine in a dangerous forest. Everyday, Happy bumped into Dumpty. Dumpty bumped into Sleepy. Sleepy rolled along the path, but Sleepy was too sleepy and bumped into other dwarves. "Yuppeeee!!!!" said Happy and they all rolled into the mine.

One day, they stood up and walked through the tunnel. The dwarves found some splendid jewels and they all shouted, "Yay!!!!", "We found some jewels!" said Doc. Suddenly, Happy's bell rang. "Home!" Bashful declared. They were so sleepy and then they went to bed and forgot all about the jewels. They just put the jewels downstairs and went to sleep.

Later Snow white came in. "Hello may I come in?" No one answered because all the dwarves fell asleep. Snow White and all her pets came in and cleaned up the house. They couldn't see the jewels near the window. Snow White also fell asleep on the sofa.

The Queen came to kill Snow White with the poisoned apple. She saw the jewels and stole them because they were valuable. She knew that if she sold them at the market, she could make lots of money. She would be very rich.

Judge Pao passed the dwarves' cottage. Suddenly, Happy woke up and walked downstairs and screamed, "Where are my jewels??!" Every dwarf woke up, even Snow White woke up. "Where are my jewels??" shouted every dwarf. "What's happening?" cried Snow White. Happy ran out of the door and wanted to find Judge Pao. But Judge Pao was leaving. Happy ran after Judge Pao. "Come back here, I need you!!"

Judge Pao ran to help Happy. He found some footprints on the ground. He used a magnifying glass to see the footprints. It was a shoe with a mark on it: 'Queen's High Heels'. But the Queen said "It wasn't me who stole the jewels! The King in Australia stole it!" Judge Pao sent Snow white's birds to Australia and asked the King to write a letter to Judge Pao saying whether he stole any jewels or not.

While waiting for the reply, Judge Pao asked all the people in the world to give one of their jewels to him. Judge Pao checked every jewel. At last, Judge Pao found it was the Queen who stole the jewels. Judge Pao said only the Queen's jewels had mud on them which had come from the mine. The Queen was so sad because she didn't have the jewels anymore. Judge Pao gave back the jewels to the dwarves. Everyone was happy except the Queen.

HKCCCU Logos Academy, Zhong, Hang Kin - 8

It has long been known that tomato sauce was brought to China in the 16th and 17th centuries by a fisherman. But actually, it was way before that! Let me tell you a story.

One day when Judge Pao was walking peacefully, he saw a trail of liquid which looked like blood. He followed the trail of red liquid to a house which looked strange. Then he walked inside. He saw a child that laid on the floor and there was a man beside him. That man looked suspicious. There was some red liquid on the child. It was the same liquid that brought him here!

Judge Pao said, "What happened?" He took the man to the jail for the night. The next day he took him to court. Judge Pao asked, "Why did you kill a child?" The man replied, "I did not kill anybody. He was just sleeping because he was so full."

Judge Pao asked, "Why didn't the child wake up?" The man quietly replied, "He didn't sleep for several days, so he was very tired. When he slept, he could not wake up until he felt energised again."

Judge Pao asked, "What is the red liquid on the child?" The man replied, "It is tomato sauce! When I went home, I dropped some of the tomato sauce that I had just made. My kid likes tomato sauce very much. He ate a lot of tomato sauce with eggs speedily and some of it remained on his shirt. Then he fell asleep."

Judge Pao was surprised and asked, "What is tomato sauce?" The man said, "You can come to my house and taste it!" So, the man brought Judge Pao to his house immediately. He tasted the tomato sauce and cried, "It is yummy!" He was very curious about how to make this delicious sauce. The man said, "I had a friend that lived in England and once he visited me. He taught me how to make tomato sauce because my son said it was delicious. So that is how such tasty red liquid was brought to China."

But there are still some questions. Why did Judge Pao think that tomato sauce was blood? It is because at the time nobody knew tomato sauce was a thing!

#### Jenny Saves the Day

Kowloon Rhenish School, Chan, On Yee - 8

One fine day at Candy Snowflake School, Jenny, the class monitress, was taking a walk in the corridor when she heard a scream. Quick as a flash, Jenny ran into the classroom. One student told Jenny in panic, 'Jenny! Someone ruined the notice board!' 'Did you tell the teacher?' asked Jenny. 'Yes, but even the teacher didn't know who it was,' the student replied.

At school, the kids were still talking about the notice board when Jenny arrived. 'Teacher, may I do something very quickly?' asked Jenny. 'Okay,' said the teacher. Jenny took a bell out and said, 'everyone, please come around and touch the bell. If you were the one who ruined the notice board, the bell will ring when you touch it.' They all touched the bell but it didn't ring. 'Ah ha! Someone didn't touch the bell!' Jenny said. 'But how can we know who it was?' one student asked. 'Take out your hand,' said Jenny. They all took out their hands and they all had ink on their hands except Gregory. 'Ah ha! It's Gregory who ruined the notice board!' announced Jenny. 'How did you do it?' asked one student. 'Well, just call me Judge Jenny!' said Jenny proudly.

Kowloon Rhenish School, Chan, Yi Sun Aiden – 8

Judge Pao was a man who fought crime and cleaned up the land. This story all started in a stormy night, when bats flew everywhere and rained pattered heavily. There was a trophy presentation in the City Hall. All the government officials and celebrities joined the event. The Mayor won a big trophy because he was the best Mayor of China. But a thief sneakily stole the trophy during the ceremony. The Mayor was scared and sad, so he called Judge Pao to help. Judge Pao promised the Mayor that he would get it back as soon as possible. Unluckily, the thief escaped without giving any clues. So Judge Pao went back to his office immediately to search for information.

The next day, he saw the newspaper headline, "The train is robbed". He zoomed to his car and drove to the railway station. He questioned the passengers about the thief. They said there was a name on the thief's T-shirt, spelled S-T-E-A-L-Y. Stealy put a bomb on the train. Luckily, everybody had escaped from the train in time. Nobody was hurt from the accident.

He thought and thought. At last, he remembered when he was sailing a few months ago, he saw an island, called "Thief Island". He believed that he might get some clues there. He sailed to that island straightaway. When he got out of the boat, there were some notes on the noticeboard. One of the notes recorded the thieves' names, who lived on the Thief Island. Then Judge Pao found the name "Stealy" from the noticeboard, so he walked to a big shinny castle with a sign "The Thief Rind Castle".

Judge Pao sneaked inside the castle and saw some thieves were smoking, while some thieves were counting money. Then he found out that somebody were making bombs and preparing handguns. He suspected that the trophy was in the castle. He searched every single room and every corner for the trophy. He saw a man who were wearing a T-shirt with a spelling S-T-E-A-L-Y. Judge Pao got a face mask from his backpack and put it on to protect himself, because he wanted to use his handmade smelly bomb. He threw a can of smelly bomb into the room. The awful smell made everybody in the room coughing. He searched Stealy's belongings. He found the Mayor's trophy inside the Stealy's briefcase.

After wrapping up the hands of all the thieves with handcuffs, Judge Pao called the police. When the police arrived, the thieves were taken back to the police station. The police cheered and thanked the help of Judge Pao. Lastly, Judge Pao returned the trophy to the Mayor. In order to show Mayor's gratitude to Judge Pao, the Mayor gave Judge Pao three diamonds, a cheque of amount of \$1,000,000, and a load of gold. Moreover, the Mayor invited Judge Pao to be the Vice Mayor of the city. Everyone in the city loves Judge Pao.

#### Faint Howling in the Distance

Kowloon Rhenish School, Chu, Tsz Kiu – 8

The residents of Skull Valley were tired of the insistent faint howling that has been haunting them for a month already. Unable to bear it any longer, they moved out of Skull Valley one by one. They accused the landlord, Ms Liu, of sabotaging their stay to extort money and demanded compensation. Ms Liu felt wronged and could only seek help from the well—known Judge Pao.

Judge Pao agreed to help Ms Liu and decided to stay in Skull Valley to investigate the howling sound. At night, just as Judge Pao was about to nod off, he heard a faint howling sound. He followed it outside and arrived at the notoriously scary graveyard of Skull Valley. As he ventured deeper into the cemetery, the howling sound got louder and louder, finally leading to a small unmarked grave. As the immortal Yama of the Infernal Bureaucracy in Hell, Judge Pao was able to see a spirit near the gravesite. Upon closer examination, he was able to identify a ghost of a small wolf wandering around, making whining sounds. As he approached the little ghost, it ran away in the direction of an abandoned part of the Valley.

In the pursuit of the ghost wolf, Judge Pao met an old man living in a rundown hut near the graveyard. Upon asking about the wolf, he revealed that there once lived a young man in Skull Valley who adopted a neglected wolf pup. The two developed a strong bond until the young man disappeared one day five years ago and never came back. Regardless, the wolf relentlessly waited for its human companion to come back to no avail, and finally passed away a month ago.

During another night of stakeout, Judge Pao encountered the wolf ghost again and this time, he made sure to follow it closely and quietly. Judge Pao tracked the ghost wolf to an abandoned glue factory. There, he saw the phantom wolf whining near a pile of rubble. Judge Pao decided to dig through the debris and found a rotting dead body underneath it all. Upon recovery, he realised that the dead body belonged to the young man that took in the wolf. All this time, the wolf wanted to ask someone to help him recover his master's body so he howled all night.

At last, the mystery was solved. This time, when Judge Pao approached the wolf, it did not go away. Instead, it laid into Judge Pao's hands and yelped a thank you. Judge Pao went back to Ms Liu to report his findings and tell her that the howling will never happen again. Ms Liu was happy that justice was served and she did not need to recompense the residents based on something that was not her fault.

Judge Pao was leaving since the case was solved but the wolf kept following him around. In the end, Judge Pao decided to let the wolf tag along in more of his adventures.

### Irreplaceable Judge Pao

Kowloon Rhenish School, Lung, Yin Wang - 8

Once upon a time, there was a little town in China. In that town, there was Judge Pao. He always judged justly. Many people liked the way he judged and some people even pretended him to judge in court. This endangered Pao's fame and sometimes put Pao in a dangerous position.

One of the "fake Pao" was Peter. He had a dark face, dark mustache, long beard, and was of medium-height, like Judge Pao. He always judged recklessly and incompetently.

In a sunny afternoon, Peter saw an argument outside the court, so he looked into the case. It was about Mrs. Tse and Mrs. Cho claiming back their "son". In fact, that little boy belonged to either one of them. Peter checked the identity of the boy by dropping their blood in water. However, the bloods of the boy and the two women all matched. At that moment, Judge Pao was listening to court in casual wear and said, "Matching blood only means the same blood type, and different families can have the same blood type." He suggested that Mrs. Tse and Mrs. Cho to pull the son's feet and hands if they wanted to get their "son" back. "The lady who can get the boy can have her son back," said Pao. The crowd thought it was a ridiculous way to check the identity. First, the women pulled very hard and the boy's face turned red. At last, Mrs. Tse stopped pulling and cried. "Mrs. Tse is crying because she is afraid her son will be hurt. She is the mother of the boy," Pao announced. However, Peter thought Mrs. Cho could get the son and she was the mother instead. The crowd admired Pao and asked who he was. Pao showed his identity and sued Peter for pretending him.

After a week, Peter didn't admit his defeat, so he called his smart dad, Martin, for help. Martin pretended Pao to judge again. On a windy day, Martin saw a butcher and his customer argued in the shop and took them to the court. "What are you arguing about?" asked Martin. The butcher answered, "He went to my shop and stole my money." The customer exclaimed, "He is lying! Judge Pao." Martin questioned, "Can you prove these coins are yours?" They could not think of any evidence. After a while, the real Judge Pao passed by and said, "I have a way to find out the truth." Martin puzzled, "How?" Pao replied, "Please put these coins in a basin of water." Martin had no other methods but followed. They saw some oil floating on water surface. "The customer stole these coins because if the butcher touched the coins before, they should be oily," announced Pao. Next, Pao sued Martin for pretending him. The crowd in the court all applauded.

After that, more people in town admired Judge Pao because they knew more about his intelligence and fairness. However, nobody dared to pretend him again.

#### The Case of the Yunnan Tea

Lung Kong World Federation School Wong Yiu Nam Primary School, Chan, Oi Ling Erin Rose - 8

Once upon a time in ancient China, there was an emperor. One day, the emperor had a big feast in the garden of his palace. The highlight of the feast was a special Chinese Tea. It was from a place called Yunnan where was famous of very rare tea leaves. Tea from Yunnan were known as the most luxury drink at that time. 'The tea leaves were worth more than its weight in gold,' someone whispered. 'Only very rich people could afford it!' replied another one.

On the day of the feast, everyone was eating happily and having a good time until....

When the time of serving the famous Yunnan Tea came, all the officials were eager to take a sip. 'Aaaagh! What's that?' shouted the emperor and spit the tea out. 'This is not the Yunnan Tea! It is disgusting!' the emperor roared angrily. 'It must be the fault of the chef. He should be punished!' There were shouts and scorns and complaint in the feast. Only one man who stayed in his seat – Judge Pao.

'Let me investigate,' he said calmly. Every one immediately went quiet and listened to him. 'Where did you get this tea?' he asked the servants. 'We bought the sack of tea leaves from the best sellers in the city two day ago. Then we used the whole sack of leaves to make the tea. We really don't know what happened to the tea! We are innocent,' they cried. 'Bring me the sack immediately!' thundered Judge Pao. No one knew why Judge Pao wanted the sack as the servants had used all the tea leaves. But the servants ran as fast as they could and brought the sack back. Judge Pao looked into the sack and saw that a few tea leaves were stuck. He thought for a moment and said, 'I'm very thirsty and I want something to drink. There are just enough tea leaves in the sack. Make me some tea right away.'

'But sir,' said one of the servants. 'Those are the leaves which we used to make the drink! May I make you some other drink?' 'No! Make me the tea right now!' So the servants make the tea for Judge Pao. He took one sip, then spit it out. 'This is not the famous Yunnan Tea! It must be the sellers who are to blame, not the chef." And then everyone understood that Judge Pao was not really thirsty: He was just pretending so he could solve the case.

The emperor was very happy and the chef did not need to be punished. He rushed to Judge Pao and crawled on his knee to give Judge Pao a big thank you.

# Lin's Corruption

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Chung, Zhuo Feng Jayden – 9

In the year of 1046, in Kai Feng Province, there lived Judge Pao. He was a judge who solved all reported cases. This was one of the many cases that Judge Pao solved.

The greedy senior officer of the royal court, Officer Lin, wanted to ascend his rank to prime minister, so he bribed the current prime minister into promoting him to be his replacement, by giving him a lot of money. The prime minister accepted the offer, but at this point in time Officer Lin did not have the money he promised. To get the money, he threatened to sell the citizens' children unless they gave him their hard earned money. The citizens didn't know what to do because the money they save was supposed to be used to pay their taxes.

No one wanted their children sold, so they worked extremely hard and did what Officer Lin told them to. Mr. Wong was not an exception. He wanted to keep his children, so he started to work 20 hours a day and died of overworking as a result. Mrs. Wong and the children were all very sad, so Mrs. Wong reported the whole incident to Judge Pao. She told him how they had been threatened by the officer. Judge Pao raged, "Outrageous! Extremely selfish! I will have my men bring him here at once!"

One of Judge Pao's best fighters and a former palace guard, Zhan Zhao, was ordered to lead a team of men to arrest Officer Lin and have him brought to Judge Pao's court.

The Judge asked," Will you confess to your crime?"

Lin lied, "I do not know what you are talking about as I have never committed a crime of any sort. I am just an innocent citizen and you have arrested the wrong man."

Mrs. Wong said, "He is lying! The senior officer has also threatened a lot of other villagers!"

Judge Pao said, "I am aware of this, and other villagers have already reported to me as well. I already have all the evidence on hand to prove Lin's guilt."

Pao then said to Lin, "The villagers was told to me how you treated them, so I decided to check if it was true. I sent Zhan Zhao to spy on you for a long time and he has gathered all evidence of your wrongdoings. So there is no way you can deny your crimes. Confess now!"

The officer said," Yes, I committed those crimes but now that I have admitted what I have done, please do not punish me!"

Pao said, "You need to be punished for what you have done. I hereby sentence you to 30 years of prison!"

Mrs. Wong said, "Thank you Judge Pao for saving us and bringing Officer Lin to justice. It is lucky for us citizens of Kai Feng to have Judge Pao as our governor!"

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Fok, Luke - 7

"The terracotta warriors are alive!" shouted the security guard Yang. Yang ran to Judge Pao and reported to him that the treasures in the terracotta warriors had disappeared. Pao immediately came to the site. Pao thought it impossible that the terracotta warriors were still alive and could steal the treasures, but the guard insisted.

Pao examined every corner of the mausoleum thoroughly and frowned. The life—size "terracotta warriors" are made of clay and the sculptures could weigh up to 272 kilograms each. If it was the warriors who stole the treasures, it was impossible that there were no footprints on the yellow—soil floor.

He also checked the structure of the complex. The mausoleum was pyramid—shaped and had no windows or exits, except the one that the guard Yang watched over. Soon Pao entered the dark tunnel that led to an empty pit that looked like an unfinished structure. Pao unintentionally noticed that when he stepped on a floor tile, the sound was different and he realised that there was a secret trapdoor under the floor of yellow soil.

After removing the yellow soil and trying to open the door, there was a lock that had to be opened with a star—shaped key. He looked around the site and found that there were more than 8,000 warriors. Pao wondered how he was supposed to find the key.

Suddenly, Pao saw that some of the warriors were coloured with a special purple like pigment. Although they all had different facial expressions, only a few of them were smiling. Pao had found 4 parts of the key from the clay soldier, the horse, the cavalry and its chariot. He tried to assemble the key together from all the pieces, but there was still one piece missing.

Pao saw that Yang was wearing a necklace with a key piece as a pendant. He took it from Yang and successfully opened the lock and the door. Finally, he found an empty treasure chest. At that moment, Yang immediately ran away.

Pao realised that Yang had been staying in this place for a long time, and Yang must also have discovered this secret. The most suspicious person was Yang.

Finally, Yang admitted that he was the one who had stolen the treasure. Yang told the whole truth that his ancestors were forced to work as labourers in the construction of the mausoleum. They worked around the clock and were eventually sacrificed in the construction during the time of Emperor Qin Shi Huang. Yang disagreed with Emperor Qin's belief that he should achieve immortality by building this underground palace. Countless people worked on the project and many innocent people were killed in the process. That was why Yang tried to seize the treasures.

Although Pao sympathised with Yang's story about his family, he emphasized that theft was still a crime and Yang should face his own consequences. At last, Pao had to bring Yang to justice afterwards.

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Hung, Song Yeo Jamie – 8

Long ago in China there lived a lady named Qing Xiang Lian. Her husband, Chen Shi Mei promised her and their children that if he became the number one scholar, he would not forget them, but all of that was a lie.

Soon, not only Chen Shi Mei became the number one scholar. He married the princess and became the Prince Consort. He refused to honour his promise and go back to his wife and children. Qing Xiang Lian broke down in tears and went to seek help from the legendary JUDGE PAO.

"So, Chen Shi Mei is your husband!?" Judge Pao asked. Qing Xiang Lian kneeled before Judge Pao in respect. "Yes, my lord. He is my husband. He abandoned us and refused to accept me and our children." Judge Pao muttered, "Then I must talk to Chen Shi Mei.".

"I-I-I don't know her." Chen Shi Mei stuttered. "Qing Xian Lian said you are her husband. Are you sure you don't know her?" Judge Pao asked suspiciously. "I am sure. She must be mistaken." Chen Shi Mei lied. When Judge Pao left, Chen Shi Mei ordered the assassin to kill Qing Xiang Lian and her kids but the assassin spared them for selflessness.

Qing Xiang Lian went to find the sheriff for help because she was afraid Chen Shi Mei would track them down. But little did she know the sheriff worked for Chen Shi Mei and captured them. When Judge Pao knew all of this, he was furious and decided to interrogate Chen Shi Mei but he was too cunning and powerful. Not only he denied his wrong doings but also accused Judge Pao that he has no solid evidence. Judge Pao had no choice but to let go of Chen Shi Mei.

Judge Pao collected more evidence and put Chan Shi Mei on trial. This time he had no more excuses for his crimes and Judge Pao sentenced Chen Shi Mei to execution with the guillotine. However, the grand queen and the princess suddenly appeared. "I order you to release the Prince Consort at once!" the princess ordered. Then the grand queen requested Judge Pao to explain why he wanted to execute her son in law.

"Your Majesty, Chen Shi Mei has committed serious crimes, so we must bring him to justice. Everyone must be treated equally in front of the laws. Even the royal family should be no exception." "You know the Prince Consort is my son in law and if you execute him I can revoke your power of being the judge," the grand queen said. "So be it." replied Judge Pao. He gave his order with no hesitation. "Execute!" he shouted.

In the breezy wind, Qing Xiang Lian was standing before the tombstone of her wicked husband. She knew he deserved this, and more importantly, she feels grateful that all people are well protected and they have someone to trust who will always dispense justice equally to everyone no matter how powerful they are.

#### The Time Travel: When Judge Pao Meets Detective Timothy

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Lam, Timothy - 6

One night, Timothy was reading a book about Judge Pao, the hero in the ancient song dynasty and the prefect of Kaifeng, where Pao had become an icon of justice.

Timothy found the stories extremely fascinating. Suddenly, he heard a noise outside his room and thought it must be his mum urging him to go to bed. Timothy rushed to open the door and, "Swoosh" he fell into a mysterious hole.

After Timothy woke up from the fall, he noticed a few men were nearby. A man with dark skin and a crescent moon on his forehead said, "We have an intruder here!" The guards moved to grab Timothy. Timothy screamed, "Wait, I am not a thief, I got lost! Where am I?" The man replied, "Well, you are in the prefect's office of Kaifeng and I am Pao Zheng, some people call me Judge Pao."

"Gosh, did I travel back in time?" thought Timothy. "What year are we in?" asked Timothy. "Why, it is the first year of Jiayou, his majesty the song Emperor. Who are you and where are you from?" said Pao. Timothy was so blown away by this chaos but still managed to reply wittily, "I am a detective from a country far away, I solve cases too." Seeing Pao in disbelief, Timothy quickly his Apple watch and shot a photo of Paos's image to show him and said, "This is my tool for work."

The crowd stared at the image and were very impressed. After a moment, Pao said, "Well, we are working on a difficult investigation, maybe you could help?"

Judge Pao told Timothy that a mistress at a reputable family had lost her precious jade. She suspected that one of the servants had stolen it, but no one admitted to stealing it. Pao asked for a solution and Timothy whispered in Pao's ear. Pao summoned everyone at the family and said, "My assistant has a tool that can point out the criminal." Timothy studied the crowd with his watch's flashlight and said, "I will give each of you a small stick, and whoever takes the longest stick is the criminal!"

Then Timothy handed out sticks and told the people to line up to return the sticks. Upon investigating, Pao and Timothy saw that every stick returned was equally long, except for one which was shorter. They caught the person with the shorter stick and accused him of theft.

The person trembled and begged for forgiveness and admitted that he had stolen the jade. He admitted that he purposely shortened his stick out of fear of being caught. Pao declared the case closed and praised Timothy for his cleverness. Pao wanted Timothy to meet the emperor and while they were on their way, Timothy fell off from the back of the horse and knocked himself out.

After Timothy woke up again, he realized he was in his room again, lying on the books. "So it was only a dream, or was it?" Timothy wondered. He quickly swiped his finger on his watch and discovered a newly taken photo in black and white.

#### Judge Pao and the Missing Blue Crystal

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Wong, Jun Hong Nicholas - 7

Once upon a time there was a smart judge called Judge Pao. He was like a police officer during the day and a detective at night. He solved many crimes so he was very famous.

One of the crimes was about a special blue crystal owned by the famous opera singer Jing Jing. It was a necklace that she wore in her performance. After she finished performing she would put the necklace in a secret locker at the very top of the house. The locker has four layers. She is very smart because every night she finishes performing, she would put it in one of the four different lockers. She will hide the keys in the gap between the pillow and the cover.

One day the necklace went missing. Jing Jing was very upset that she lost it, so she went to find the famous Judge Pao to help her. Jing Jing said, "I lost my crystal necklace in my locker." Judge Pao asked, "Where did you hide the key?" She told Judge Pao that the key was in the locker but the crystal was gone. Judge Pao had an idea to trick the burglar. Judge Pao told Jing Jing how to trick the burglar to come out. Jing Jing didn't tell anyone she lost her necklace but told everyone that the crystal has magical powers. The blue crystal's power can make your wish come true but you need to go to the Dark Forest Cave up in the Blue Mountain and put it in the centre of the cave. She told them that she wished to become a famous singer and her wish suddenly came true so she was so successful and rich.

Soon everyone heard the story including the burglar. The burglar was so excited he could not sleep because he was thinking about his wish. The next night the burglar went to the Dark Forest Cave up in the Blue Mountain and then searched for the center to put the blue crystal for his wish. When the burglar finally found the center to put the blue crystal he ran towards the center to put the blue crystal. When he was about to put the blue crystal on, suddenly, Judge Pao, the police and Jing Jing came out of Judge Pao's secret hiding place to stop the burglar. Judge Pao had a big grin and instructed the police to catch the burglar straight away and said, "So you're the one who stole Jing Jing's blue crystal!" Jing Jing laughed and said, "We tricked you burglar!" Jing Jing said, "Thank you so much for your help Judge Pao. You are very smart."

Judge Pao said to the burglar, "You really think the crystal can make your wish come true! You should not be so greedy!" Judge Pao ordered the police to take the burglar to the prison.

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Zhao, Zi Cheng Jimi - 9

A windy, cool day. Judge Pao was sitting in his house, enjoying the Sunday newspaper as he sipped a cup of ale. Suddenly, a headline caught his eye. It read: Wine Stolen in Locked Cellar. This headline excited his mind. According to the information, there was going to be a party held in the emperor's palace to celebrate the birth of the new princess. The emperor had locked up the wine for the great party in a defended cellar, and the day before the party all the wine had disappeared, with a lot of them spilled. All of China's best detectives had tried to solve it, but only no one solved it. The emperor had offered a 50M—cowrie shell reward (which is approximately 1,000,000 HKD) to the person who closed it, but no one had got it yet.

Judge Pao ordered a horse to the crime scene, and when he got there, he was welcomed by three other detectives.

"Good morning, honorable judge," they greeted him solemnly. "We need your help, Judge Pao. It's a very serious problem here."

- "And how could I help? Have you got someone for me to interrogate in my court tomorrow?"
- "Yes. After our investigations, the main suspect's the guards. You will see them in your court tomorrow."
- "I need to devise a clever way to get information out of them. I should get prepared as soon—as possible."
- "Well, see you soon. Bye!"
- "Farewell!"

The next day in Judge Pao's court, as promised, the three guards, held tightly by the police, was brought up to Judge Pao. The other guard Wang was found innocent by Detective Ming.

"Before I interrogate, hear that I'm very strict about keeping my court clean. Wash your hands in this bowl of water." Judge Pao told them. "And your feet."

They followed. Judge Pao saw that the water didn't change. Not to the colour of wine. Which meant they couldn't have spilt the wine yesterday. Just to be sure, he asked them, "How many barrels of wine were there in the cellar?"

"How could we know? We stood outside guarding, not inside!"

"Thanks for your time. The interrogation is over."

If it was not the guards, then who could it be? Only the guards went near the cellar, it virtually impossible to even go near it. Judge Pao knew that the people who recently went near were the detectives: Qi, Ming, Wu, and Policemen Gao, Cao, and Bao. The Police went there accompanied by everyone else, so they were innocent. This meant that one of the three guards made a deal with one of the detectives to let him in, and the detective would pardon the guard. That was it! Wang and Ming were the criminals. Yes!

A few days later, Judge Pao revealed the true answer. Ming pardoned Wang for letting him in the cellar secretly. Judge Pao, in the end, got the prize and the criminals were executed, all thanks to China's Sherlock Holmes!

# The Story of Judge Pao

Shanghai Singapore International School, Sun, Yee-Nor Isabella - 8

It is said that during the Song Dynasty, there was a boy in the east of Ningyang. He was twelve years old. His father died early, and his mother was ill in bed. He lived in poverty. They lived on selling fried dough sticks all year round.

One day, the child sold out the fried dough sticks, counted the money in his pocket. He took out the money and put it in the basket. After that, the boy felt tired and wanted to take a nap. Suddenly, he woke up and found that all his money was missing. He was so worried and cried loudly.

At this time, Bao Zheng returned to the capital and passed by Ningyang. Bao Zheng called the boy to him and asked, "Son, what grievance do you have? I will deal with it." The boy told the truth thoroughly. Bao Zheng pondered for a while, pointed to the stone and said loudly, "This stone clearly stole the money!"

Bao Zheng said to the crowd: "Have you seen it? There is a reason why I carried the stone for interrogation. Everyone see how pitiful this child is for losing his money. Everybody here please donate a copper coin to help his mother see a doctor."

People on the sidelines rushed to put money in the hot water basin. I saw a big man put the copper coins in the water, and a few oily flowers floated in the water. Bao Zheng asked Wang Chao to catch the big man and reopen the court for interrogation. Bao Zheng said: "Just now the stone confessed, it said that it did not steal the child's money, and saw that it was you who stole it, so you should tell the truth now."

The big man had a guilty conscience and was superstitious about ghosts and gods. He thought it was the stone that had summoned him, so he bowed his head and confessed. Then he took out the fifty coins he had stolen and gave them to the child.

The onlookers talked a lot: "Bao Zheng is really a god because he can make a stone that can't speak tell a thief." In fact, Bao Zheng noticed the oil on the copper coin of the kid who sells deep—fried dough sticks, and eventually found the money thief.

#### The Town without a Rubbish Bin

The International School of Macao, Fong, Samson – 8

Once there was a town called, Qing, which was clean, tidy with no rubbish bins. There was a myth about the town, no one was allowed to leave the house at midnight. If he did, his memory of that day will disappear.

One day, Judge Pao and his friend, Gongsun Ce travelled to this town, Qing. Both were good detectives; they couldn't find a rubbish bin in this town. People put their rubbish on the street. Judge Pao went into a bakery and asked where he could throw the rubbish. The owner told Judge Pao that this town has no rubbish bins, so he can put it on the floor and in the morning all the rubbish will disappear. Judge Pao looked at Gongsun Ce and said, "interesting but strange, let's find out what's happening."

A carpenter heard what they were talking about, he added, "Every day I will trim the tree and the branches will disappear in the morning." Judge Pao asked, "if they will disappear, why are you still cropping them everyday?" The carpenter replied, "I tried not to trim once, the next morning, everywhere is rubbish and smelly. But if I trim the branches, the street will be clean again the next morning."

Judge Pao and Gongsun Ce went back to their room, they concluded that they must do something about it, to see whether there were any ghost or genius playing around this town.

The next morning, Pao went out to the street. The streets were tidy and clean, and all the branches were gone! Pao and Gongsun Ce had a plan, they followed carpenter the whole day to check whether he really did his job. They confirmed the carpenter did his work.

As they followed the carpenter back home, he once again reminded Pao and Gongsun Ce not to go out during nighttime. Judge Pao and Gongsun Ce went back to hotel and stayed awake until midnight. Then they sneaked out to see what was really happening.

Suddenly they heard some sounds coming from the branches. Judge Pao popped his eyes out, the branches were walking by themselves, they ate the rubbish on the street and buried themselves in the ground. The bossy branches saw Judge Pao and wanted to erase all his memories, but Judge Pao had a moon on his forehead, the wood couldn't erase his memories. He sincerely asked Judge Pao not to tell the secret, they did no harm to the people in this town. They just wanted to thank the people for treating the trees nicely.

Judge Pao promised not to say a word and asked them not to do this again, because people in this town should be responsible for their actions and care for their own town and home. The woods understood and promised not to do it again.

The next day, Judge Pao and Gongsun Ce announced to everyone that they need to set up rubbish bins for everyone to use.

#### Who Stole the Chao Family Diamond?

The International School of Macao, Kohre, Ganika – 6

It was a nice evening but suddenly judge Pao received information that he has been called to Chao family house.

Chao family was a rich family in Hong Kong. Chao family had daddy, mommy, and daughter. Along with the Chao family a servant, a cook, a guard, and a gardener were also living in the big house of Chao family.

On the way, Judge Pao got to know that someone has stolen the Chao family diamond. He also got to know that it must be someone from inside the house as no one from outside has come in the house. Police had already checked the rooms of servant, cook, guard and gardener and house but diamond was nowhere to be found.

When judge Pao arrived at the Chao family house, he checked the safe from where the diamond was stolen. He also asked everyone what they were doing when the diamond was stolen.

Daddy, mommy, and daughter were together in the study room. The servant was washing clothes. The cook told he was preparing orange juice for the family. The guard was on the main front door guarding the house. The gardener told he was watering plants in the garden.

Judge Pao called everyone in the room and told that the cook is the thief. Hearing this the cook started crying and accepted that he has stolen the family diamond. He had stolen the diamond and hide it in the kitchen with rice. Police found the diamond in kitchen with rice and took the cook to prison.

Daddy Chao was surprised and asked judge Pao how he found out that the cook is the thief. Judge Pao told that in the safe he smelled orange and the cook told he was preparing orange juice. So, it was obvious that the cook is the thief.

#### The Silver Lost and Found

The International School of Macao, Li, Walnut – 8

The Qingzhou vault lost 5000 silver ingots. The emperor sent Judge Pao and Zhan Zhao to solve the case.

The governor of Qingzhou almost fell from chair when he saw Judge Pao. Yesterday, another "Judge Pao" came and told him it was a group of robbers who knocked the treasurer out and stole the silver. He led a group of soldiers to seize the silver back.

The silver ingots were piled up in pine wood boxes. The top box has been opened and checked. Judge Pao examined the nail hole carefully and asked the governor to open a bottom box.

When the governor picked up an ingot from the bottom box, he almost fainted. This is too light to be silver! It's tin! "How come the box is so heavy?"

Judge Pao removed the tin and showed him the pebbles underneath.

He grabbed one and smelt it, "is there any harbor nearby?"

"36 miles to the north there is a small one."

Only one ship sat in the port when Judge Pao got there. An old watchman told him it's a merchant ship delivering tinware. The sailors unloaded their goods yesterday and went on shore to rest. Seeing that the ship was riding low, Judge Pao whispered something to Zhan Zhao, and returned. He told the governor that he knew the silver's whereabouts. The governor was glad.

"So, the fake "Judge Pao", do we look alike?"

The governor tried to recall: similar height and black beard, but... "Wait," he shouted, "the crescent on that man's forehead faces right!"

Judge Pao smiled, "his majesty sent out my portrait."

"Yes! We made a plate and printed it out for people to learn from you."

"That artist thought a crescent facing left is not as lucky as a crescent facing right, so he changed it on the portrait." "What?!"

Judge Pao asked the governor to find the plate without the crescent. Meanwhile, he walked around talking with the officers. The next day, he asked all the officers to draw down the crescent on the portraits. Our treasurer drew a crescent facing right. It didn't take long for him to confess: he did the inside job without some foreign merchants.

At that time, Zhan Zhao sent back a message: the silver was found in a cabin of that ship. The governor was amazed, begging Judge Pao to share how he solved the case.

Judge Bao said: "The nail holes on the box were loose, meaning it's been opened before. The salty smell of the pebbles led me to the harbor. The merchant ship was unloaded but still riding low. Something was definitely wrong, so I told Zhan Zhao to wait for the sailors and rummage through the ship. The thief pretended to be me, so he must be an insider and knew I was coming. People I talked with all knew my crescent faces left. The thief was too scared to meet me, so only he made that mistake!"

#### Judge Pao and the Lost Student

The International School of Macao, Rooney, Taya - 6

One day, there was a boy called Judge Pao who lived in Macau. He always solved crimes and fixed problems. The thing you should know is what detectives do. Detectives do finding clues. They finding clues like people are missing. They have to find clues. Judge Pao always finding clues.

Alice is a girl with blond hair. After Mandarin, we go out for recess but this time we had indoor recess. We stayed inside for recess but Alice went outside because she didn't hear the instructions.

She went out the wrong door and went in a card and drive. But she crashed and crashed. And then she got missing. And teachers were looking for her and all the students were looking for her. Nobody know where she was.

Judge Pao used a magnifying glass to all of the footprints but he couldn't find her. So nobody was there so then he followed the car foot prints because it was so muddy. And then it took her to a zoo. Then he followed the tire tracks and it led him to a garden. Then he looked everywhere. Then he saw a shoe that looked like Alice's shoe. It was covered with Alice's handprints that he saw with a magnifying glass. And then he followed the footprint until he found Alice.

Alice was in a garden. She thought the garden was the playground. Judge Pao said that was not the playground. She said it was the playground. He said it was not the playground. It is not even the end of school yet. So then he took her back to school.