

Fiction Group 1

Liam's Invention

Carmel Elementary School, Elbaz, Liam – 7

In Hong Kong, lives the Chan family. The parents, Eric and Yaya, have four children: Elly, Arnie, Howard and Liam.

Liam is 7 years old. He is in Grade 2. He has a lot of friends and likes having playdates, but he also loves playing in arcades

The Chan's used to make a lot of waste. Before, they used plastic: plastic straws, forks and bags. They don't do it anymore because they know it is not good for Hong Kong. They know that plastic kills animals and fish, so they want to change.

Now, they use recycled things. In shops and in restaurants they use straws, spoons and bags that were recycled before and they can reuse them!

Liam wants to do more. His family still uses a lot of packaging. They go out a lot. They order dinner from restaurants. They receive a lot of boxes and paper bags!

One day, something changed. Eric took Liam to the mall. They saw a big arcade. Liam was very excited to play.

They entered and saw many different games and many prizes to win! The machines were the best ones Liam had ever seen!

He tried playing a game of air hockey but he needed 5 tokens. He asked his dad.

Eric started looking for tokens, but he couldn't find any. He found some machines, but they only took waste and plastics: no money.

Eric asked a worker Daniel, "Where can I buy tokens for my children?"

Daniel said: "You can't buy tokens with money, but you can get them by inserting waste, for recycling".

Eric was surprised, so Daniel explained:

"I was born in Hong Kong and have always lived here. I hate to see plastic on the beach. It makes me feel sad. So I had an idea: I invented a machine that recycles all sorts of waste, including plastic. It is small and you can put it anywhere. Everyone can have one even in their own house! You put your waste inside. The machine will recycle it and will give you anything you want in exchange! It can be sweets, money, or tokens for the arcade!"

Daniel continued, "Here, you get 4 tokens for 100 grams of waste that you bring. The machine recycles it."

Eric and Liam left, a bit disappointed.

The following day, Liam asked his dad if they could go back to the arcade. Eric told him that they needed plastics and waste. Then Liam started smiling and pulled out a box full of waste that he had saved from the day before!

Eric was impressed and took Liam back to the arcade. Liam was very proud to drop his family's waste in the machine. He put in 200g and got 8 tokens!

He tried all the games. He had fun and won a lot of prizes!

When he used all his tokens, Liam was not sad because he knew how to get more tokens for the next time! And he had helped Hong Kong!

Cai Lun's Magical Paper

Creative Primary School, Chen, Yan-Ying Abigail – 8

A long time ago, during the Han dynasty in Hunan Province, China, there lived a 10-year-old girl named Lei Lei. She lived near the forest in a poor village with kindhearted villagers who did not have much to eat. She was a creative, artistic and passionate drawer, but she was too shy to show her artwork with thoughts that they were not good enough. Although Lei Lei liked to draw, she only drew on the ground or on leaves, but every morning her creations would be swept away by the wind or washed away by the rain.

In the nearby forest, there lived an old man named Cai Lun. He was known as a great inventor who loved helping people and solving problems. Hoping for a solution, Lei Lei asked her mother to accompany her to visit Cai Lun and see if he could help her find something to draw on that would last forever. Cai Lun happily agreed to help Lei Lei and showed her how to cut bamboo into thin strips, soak them in water, and pound them into a pulp. Afterwards, they mixed the pulp with water, spread it upon a flat surface, and let it dry in the sun. By the end of the day, they had created several beautiful sheets of paper.

Before Lei Lei left, Cai Lun said to her, "If you believe in yourself, your drawings will come to life". Lei Lei kindly thanked Cai Lun and went home thinking about what Cai Lun had said. That night, Lei Lei tried drawing on the paper regarding things that mattered to her. She drew the village river full of fish. When she finished, she gathered the courage to show her parents and their many compliments filled her with confidence.

The next day, Lei Lei took a stroll around the village river and saw it full of fish! The villagers were overjoyed and amazed, wondering where all the fish had come from. Lei Lei was astonished that her drawing actually came to life! She rushed home and drew a flock of sheep and lush green land that would be perfect for farming. With each drawing, her confidence in her skill and ability grew. The following day, she saw happy villagers tending a flock of sheep on lush green grass. Excited, she hurried to Cai Lun's house to share the news and thank him for the magical paper. Cai Lun was very proud of Lei Lei's many accomplishments. Smiling, Cai Lun revealed that he had added a secret ingredient to the paper, a tiny bit of wood from a magical tree that grew deep in the forest. This special ingredient, combined with Lei Lei's belief in herself was the source of the paper's power.

Years later, Lei Lei became a famous artist and her village became rich with resources. And so, the young girl who once doubted her abilities became a living example of the power of self—belief and the magic it can create.

New Tales of China's Inventions

Creative Primary School, Lam, Chun Yin Olin – 9

Once upon a time in ancient China, nestled in a remote location, there existed a secret village. This mystical land was encircled by a powerful waterfall, its existence hidden from the outside world. Within this magical haven, a tranquil village thrived, filled with amiable inhabitants. On a particular day, three children sat upon three rocks, forming a unique bond. These friends were Peter, Alison, and Ion. Peter, the youngest, possessed both shyness and intelligence. Alison, with her friendly demeanor, sported short hair and a petite frame. Ion, tall and composed, had a reputation for being diligent.

During a game of tag, Ion's father unexpectedly appeared, tears streaming down his face. He shared the heart—wrenching news with Ion. His mother had succumbed to an unknown illness. This devastating revelation shattered Ion's spirit, transforming him from a diligent worker into a listless soul.

The following day, Peter stumbled upon a legend while reading an old story. It chronicled the story of a boy named Zach, whose mother had tragically fallen victim to the SUPER omega disease. Furthermore, it mentioned a mysterious rock that possessed latent magical properties. If one desired to explore the wonders of this enchanted rock, they were advised to venture to the west farm.

Peter and Alison dashed swiftly towards the west farm, their speed resembling that of lightning. When night fell, the pair settled themselves upon a large rock. Sitting upon it, they discovered that it possessed a mystical power to bestow ancient wisdom and offer solutions to their troubles. During their journey, Peter pondered the teachings of Confucius who invented the game called "Mahjong". He could see the soul—crushing sadness his friend Ion was under, so he thought playing a game and endeavoring in some fun would be a distraction. However, they lacked the funds to purchase the expensive marble cards required for the game. Nevertheless, he decided to invent his own game. Undeterred, they ingeniously crafted wooden cards and used paper to depict symbols. Peter assigned himself the name Jack, as he was the youngest, while Alison became the queen due to her gender. Ion, being the eldest, assumed the role of the king. Remarkably, their initials spelled PAI, which coincidentally means "playing cards" in Chinese. Whenever the trio encountered a problem, they would place an Ace card on the ground, signaling that they needed assistance. At that moment, they realized they already possessed the hidden wisdom and the magic rock was not a real place, but instead it meant being each other's rock, by showing compassion, care and love for each other in times of need and grief. It started as a way to solve problems and deal with hardships as friends, while also having a blast being there for each other.

Their story became a legendary folktale and quickly became a popular activity which now is known all over the globe and people enjoy it as a pastime activity, while adding more cards, so that more people can participate.

Tour to the Future

Creative Primary School, Ong, Luke – 7

Lynn was a 10-year-old skinny and tall girl who lived with her parents, her younger brother, Jan and her robot, ROBO in Beijing, China. One ordinary day, Lynn and Jan were playing catch but Jan accidentally pushed Lynn. Lynn fell over, and saw a mysterious ball. She touched it. Suddenly, there was a "ZAP" and Lynn was transported to the future year of 2089.

Lynn was crying and she found ROBO next to her. ROBO was a DJI Robomaster created in China. It was an intelligent educational robot belonging to Lynn.

Lynn asked ROBO, "How did we come to this place?"

ROBO replied, "There was a portal and it took us here. This is creepy!!!"

Lynn asked, "Where are we?"

"We are in the future!! Look at the wall. It says "Welcome to 2089." ROBO replied .

Later on, they went to the Flyzoo Hotel in Guangzhou but there were no staff members to be seen but only loads of robots. They requested a hotel room. The service robot guided them to their room and they unlocked the room door with face recognition. To heal their hunger, they ordered some xiao lung bao, which are famous Beijing steamed dumplings with pork and soup filling. Soon after, the robot delivered the food. They told the robot that they were from 2023. Upon their answer, the robot immediately brought them to the laboratory within the hotel. The robot wanted to tell the scientists that time travellers were real.

In the laboratory, there were many scientists, one of them was called Jack. Jack looked at Lynn and ROBO in confusion as ROBO was a robot from China in 2023. Jack then showed Lynn and ROBO the inventions he had. First, he showed Omisonic, it was a wireless ultrasonic cleaning tool to clean vegetables, jewellery and many other things anywhere, anytime with the power of ultrasonic technology. Then, he showed BIKI, an underwater drone that helps people see under water. At last, he introduced a transit elevated bus, a bus that can rise up two metres high to skip through all the traffic jams in Beijing.

Lynn was always very proud of her own home country, upon the many inventions and the fastest high—speed rail that travelled to speeds of 200 to 350 km/h. These Chinese robots truly made Lynn feel proud to be Chinese. She thought Chinese inventors like Jack were even smarter. So, she asked Jack to build her a time machine.

Jack had been trying to build a time machine with a bed but there was a piece that was lost and he could not find it. The piece was a diamond. Lynn looked at her necklace and asked, "Is that what you need?" She gave her diamond necklace to Jack. He pressed the start button and the beeping sounds woke the time machine. Lynn and ROBO laid on the bed and said their goodbye! Whoosh! They were back to 2023.12.31. Just in time for the new year!

New Tales of China's Inventions - The University of Innovation

Creative Primary School, Wong, Yat Yin Chloe – 8

Once upon a time in ancient China, there was a kingdom called the Tang Dynasty. By trading along the Silk Road, the Tang were able to acquire many new technologies during this period. The capital city of the Tang Dynasty was one of the most advanced cities in the world. Its national academy was called "University of Innovation", bringing students from around the world to learn science and alchemy. This story is a tale of a famous student named Tsz Sum who wished to become an alchemist. She was both pretty and intelligent.

The story was set in the late evening of the king's palace. The king was old and therefore, very ill and weary. He was about to pass away. He ordered the University of Innovation to develop a potion of eternity. He ordered, "If you don't get my potion of eternity in a week, I will kill you all." All the students of the University of Innovation got straight to work. They worked all day long to try to make a potion of eternity but they failed. All the students were in desperation and fearful of being killed by the king. Suddenly Tsz Sum got an idea. She heard there was a fairy in the mountains that had a potion of eternity. Without another word, Tsz Sum along with some of her classmates decided to journey up the mountain.

The day was eerie as they walked up the mountain with dark clouds creeping behind them. When she and her fellow classmates reached the mountain, they saw nothing but black powder that covered the ground. Suddenly, lightning struck the powder—covered grounds. The powder instantly caught on fire and went into flames! It was flammable! Tsz Sum ran down the mountain. She told everybody about the black powder.

The next day, Tsz Sum met the furious king. He bellowed, "Where is my potion of eternity? You have only three more days to bring me the potion of eternity!" Suddenly, a soldier dashed into the hall and shouted, "The kingdom of Gogunyeo has invaded us, they have defeated our army and are moving into our town!" The king started screaming in panic. Tsz Sum had a flash of an idea. She told the king about her discovery. The discovery was the flammable black powder found upon the mountains. "We can turn the black powder into weapons!" suggested Tsz Sum. With no other alternative, the king agreed to Tsz Sum's mastermind idea. The battle was very difficult to win but the Tang Dynasty won the war with their tanks and weapons filled with black powder. The king was ecstatic. He wanted to thank Tsz Sum for saving his kingdom. The king named the powder "gunpowder". By celebrating the victory, the king hosted a feast. When the feast was over, the king told Tsz Sum and fellows that they would not be killed as their inventions saved the lives of many even though it did not save the King's.

New Tales of China's Inventions

Diocesan Preparatory School, Chien, Yukiu Kayla – 8

My name is Xiao Fei. I am eight years old. I live in Xisuo Village in Sichuan with my parents and my dog, Speedy.

One day, my mum said she would give me a surprise after school. I was very excited, so I ran home quickly. As soon as I came home, there was a lovely smell in the house. There was a huge rainbow rice cake on the table. I was really hungry, so I stuffed one piece into my mouth. Wow! It was very, very sticky and fudgy. It stuck on my milk tooth! I tried to pull it out but instead I pulled the rice cake and my tooth out together! My mum came out of the kitchen, and asked me, "Xiao Fei, is it yummy?"

"Yes, it is yummy, I finished it all!" I said and quickly hid the rest of the cake under the table, because I did not want to disappoint her.

Speedy and I played with the fudgy rice cake I've hidden under the table. Oh, Speedy's paw and my hand stuck together. I had an idea! I always wanted to build a house for Speedy, but I didn't have any materials to stick the bricks. But now, I found it! Finally, I built a house for Speedy. It was a little house with a dining area and a cosy bed. Speedy loved it, and rested in it all the time.

One day, there was an earthquake in the village with magnitude of 7.6. The roads were all cracked and lot of buildings collapsed. My home was also partially damaged. While Speedy and I were hiding in Speedy's house, we were all safe because Speedy's house was strong and earthquake resistant. It was not damaged at all.

We discovered that mum's rice cake is such a good material for building houses because it can make the house flexible and resistant against earthquake. Its ingredients are cheap and affordable for all the villagers. It is a great invention to use as our building construction materials.

Legend of the Gunpowder Battle

ESF Beacon Hill School, Li, Jayden – 8

Once a long time ago, there was a village called Beaconville. Near Beaconville was a dark forest. Inside was something lurking. There was a monster who had a gang of other monsters. The leader of the gang was named Moniscar. He was bigger than the other soldiers, twice the size of three human beings and ate what came in his path. He had scouts and soldiers to help him fight against his enemies.

Moniscar's biggest enemy is the half-lion-half-eagle Griffin, who was the same size as Moniscar and had terrible teeth with sharp points and mighty claws. One day, Moniscar took the lead to go to the Griffin's Territory, his strong scouts and soldiers by his side.

Moniscar the giant monster held some gunpowder in his hand as he came face to face with the giant Griffin. The Griffin dived in and tried to swipe the giant monster's face, but then the giant monster swiped back the Griffin's face. The Griffin screeched, and then the giant monster bit the Griffin at the nose. The Griffin was bleeding. Instantly, Moniscar threw the gunpowder at the Griffins and then the gunpowder exploded. The Griffin was blasted out and tumbled down the mountain. He went SPLAS to the ocean below and was never seen again.

At night, Moniscar and his gang had a big celebration as his evil enemy was defeated.

Russia VS China

ESF Beacon Hill School, Li, Jesper – 7

A long long time ago, there was a man named Phoenix. He created gunpowder for protecting China with guns, bombs, cannons and fireworks. It was because the leader of Russia wanted to be rich so he wanted to attack China. The King of China said, 'Oh no! We are in trouble!' 'I have an idea!' somebody said. His name was Pilot. He said, 'We will pretend that we surrender and we will give them a golden bomb made of special gunpowder.' 'Ok,' said the King .When the army of Russia arrived in China, people told the Russia troops that they would surrender and they gave a golden bomb to them to bring back to Russia. The soldiers brought it home. When they opened the box, the bomb exploded. In the end, China won the war.

The Invention Of Fireworks

ESF Discovery College, Weiss, Nora – 7

Once upon a time, there was an Emperor who wanted a longevity pill. He wanted to live long, so he could finish his fantastic castle that was meant to touch the clouds. He told his servants to make a longevity pill. The servants nodded but were worried about whether they could ever make one as the Emperor requested. A servant tried many ways but couldn't get it right. On their last try, they grabbed the wrong ingredients which were meant to be sugar, but accidentally took the firework pop rocks. After making the pill, they gave it to the Emperor and he immediately tried it. He was furious because he found out that it was not working but it just kept popping. The Emperor said they all deserved to be punished. But one of the servants said that she overheard there is a village on one of the hidden islands with a magical tree that grows banana-shaped, longevity pills. When the Emperor heard the story, he commanded all his servants to find the magical tree and bring it to him. All the servants of the Emperor started searching from village to village, but they could not find it. The Emperor became furious and commanded his servants to burn the whole village if they cannot find the magical tree. The servants gather all the people of the village to announce whoever gives information about the magical tree will receive a very good reward. And the villagers started saying they would only give the magical tree away if they get something in return. What the villagers want is to build a beautiful pathway from their village to the City. The Emperor granted the demand and he commanded all his people to finish the pathway so the Emperor could have the magical tree.

The people and the Emperor were both happy with what they have got. The Emperor commanded his servants to make some longevity pills so that they could celebrate that evening. The servants made three different pills from the magical tree, one of them could pop with sparkles, and the rest were longevity pills in different colors. And the Emperor finally had a perfect potion to finish his fantastic castle.

The castle attracted the jealousy from another Emperor. He wanted to take over the newly—built castle. But the owner of the mighty castle gave him an extremely generous offer, and said: "How about building your own castle? I am willing to share the longevity pills I have with you, so you can have enough time to finish a castle that is as magnificent and beautiful as mine." The jealously Emperor wasn't as jealous as he was before. He happily took the generous offer and had enough time to build his very own magnificent castle. And these two Emperors became life—long friends. Who would have thought the longevity pills have extra powers than just making people live longer?

The Tale of Shen Kuo

ESF Sha Tin Junior School, Wang, Isabelle – 6

As Shen Kuo ripped off a page off the calendar, he sat on his soft chair slurping down spoons of congee. He opened the window, letting the fresh air envelope him. Then he looked out the window and he saw the beautiful blue sea and an island far far away, he thought, 'since when was there an island there?' he quickly pushed the thought away. Shen Kuo admired the sun rising, bathing the scene in golden light, and a glint of gold and a wooden chest caught his eye. Oh! It could be a treasure! He could go with his friend Dafei, because he had a boat. So when Shen Kuo arrived at Dafei's house, he knocked on the door excitedly. To his surprise, Quqian opened the door! Shen Kuo quietly murmured, careful not to be overheard.

"Can we go sailing together to an island where I think there is treasure?"

Dafei answered:

"Why not?"

Quqian also agreed So they started to pack their things ready for the boat trip. Quqian brought food and things to cook and bake, Dafei brought his things to sail and Shen Kuo brought materials to make things they might need, and they started to walk to Dafei's boat. Then Shen Kuo asked a nearby fisherman who said that it would take six days to sail to the island.

They have already started sailing on Dafei's boat for four days. The friends woke up to a dark stormy morning. They couldn't navigate again! Dafei sighed and shouted:

"Oh no! We're lost!"

"How do we get there tomorrow? We're lost?"

Shen Kuo worried.

"Look, it's the island! Let's go!"

Quqian exclaimed.

And so they did.

They finally reached the island and got off the boat. They split up the treasure and immediately left. They were so excited to share their gold! But when they got on the boat, they had a problem! The sky was cloudy so they couldn't rely on the sky, and the sea was murky. There was no way back! Since Shen Kuo was an engineer, he went to his tool bench under the deck, and started fiddling with bits. Shen Kuo's brain was hard at work, trying to find a solution. Aha! They could use needles to find the direction. So he made a makeshift machine and put needles in it, which acted as a direction pointer. He gave it to Dafei to see if it would work.

No! It wasn't working! Shen Kuo pondered again, reaching in his brain for memories about previous experiments, then he remembered he could use his suspended magnetic needles. He changed the needles into the makeshift machine and gave it to Dafei.

"Yes! It was working!

Shen Kuo said:

"Let's name it South pointing Fish." Everyone agreed.

When they got back Shen Kuo decided to write a letter to Dafei. He suggested changing the name to compass, and Shen Kuo thanked him for going on the trip. Teamwork makes the dream work.

Future of Pie Rong's Wardrobe

German Swiss International School, Looi, Annabel – 7

A long time ago, Shanghai was the most fashionable city in the world.

Pei Rong was born in the heart of the city. She had two favorite things to do on the weekends. One was to shop with her mother on Nanjing Road, and the other was to think about all kinds of fashionable clothes and technologies that could make her life happier and easier.

Pei Rong's grandparents owned a bamboo estate outside the city, and they knew how to make fabrics out of bamboo. When Pei Rong was six years old, Grandma taught her the steps of making bamboo fabrics. "Step one is to harvest the bamboo. Step two is to peel off the hard bamboo shells and use a special machine to turn the bamboo into fiber. Step three is to spin the fiber into bamboo yarn so that we can weave it into bamboo fabric to make clothes," said Grandma. With so many bamboo clothes, Pei Rong had a hard time deciding what to wear every day. Then she had an idea: she wanted her bamboo clothes to have a powerful chip built into the fabric so that they could change their shape and remember her size. Pei Rong asked Grandma for advice, and it happened that Grandma had a friend who was an inventor and knew how to make it. The shape—shifting clothes could turn from a long dress into a miniskirt in just a few seconds, adjusting to the perfect size. So from now on, Pei Rong would not need a lot of clothes in her wardrobe anymore.

Pei Rong liked to visit her grandparents, but she often got lost. "It would be great if there were a device that could show me the way to your house, Grandma," Pei Rong said. "Let's put a GPS and a tiny speaker into your shoes," said Pei Rong's wise grandma. Grandma dusted off a machine that looked like a sewing machine, sparking with magic. It transformed Pei Rong's sneakers into a walking guide. From then on, Pei Rong would never get lost again.

By Chinese New Year, Pei Rong and her grandma had made lots of shape—shifting bamboo clothes and shoes for their neighbors and friends. Word got out about how amazing these products were, and people from all around the world came to Shanghai to see them. Grandma said to Pei Rong, "Thanks to you, little girl, for asking really good questions and working with me to find answers to all of your questions. Pei Rong, always be curious, creative, and imaginative!"

The Invention of The Flying Pod

Harrow International School Hong Kong, Liu, Jasmine – 8

This invention is called FlyPod:the flying pod and my adventure with it. My name is Lily. It all began when my elder sister, Lili and I decided we were old enough to travel the world by ourselves! But where will we sleep and do our daily routines? FlyPod was designed just for that!

During takeoff, I squeezed my eyes shut, but then I felt a satisfying sensation. The ride was smoother than I expected. I opened my laptop and started to work. There was a hazard ahead, but it was so smooth I couldn't even feel it. I was bored, so I read the news: I was shocked! A UFO! That was us, riding on the FlyPod.

I suddenly found out that nobody has ever been on a FlyPod before we did!

I lifted my head upright and got a glimpse of the idyllic view. I suddenly noticed that I could look at that scenery all day. Suddenly, an eerie light came into sight, so I decided to go and post a few photos on Instagram, but nobody commented, so I decided to take out a few cookies from the packet and drank a few more of my coffee. 'Mom never let me drink coffee.' I thought. But I was turned 19 last June and Lili is 20. How can she not let us drink coffee?

It was time for dinner, so we went to the dinner table and Lili was cooking the dinner for us. Don't ask me why, I just like the dinner table. The seats are so cute and so comfortable. I love the table. My dog Cokey is even jumping on me just to play. I like it but not when I'm concentrating to do something else. So I played fetch with him, even though I didn't want to. Luckily, I brought his toys and his cage, so I stuffed his toys in the cage and kept him in the cage, even though he was barking and trying to climb out of the cage.

I decided to do some research on my own laptop, but I found out that it had no battery so I just read a book called The Journey to the Land of Enlightenment. After I finished reading it, I finally saw that this was the chance to play with Cokey, as I had nothing to do. Lili was asking me to meet with her in the bathroom." Lily

I have to tell you a secret..."she said seriously. "I understand why,but why would you want to tell me in the bathroom?"I replied. I checked my watch,it's only 10:00,I bet I can stay up for a longer time than now, but that didn't happen all because of my elder sister. "Lily, time to sleep!"Lili sang.

2 hours later...

It's quite late now, so I crept onto bed. Just then, there was a..." SPACE JUNK OUT OF ORBIT" I blurted out.

wanted FlyPod to duck down, but I realised that it was travelling at the speed of light.It collided with FlyPod.

I was desperate for survival but it seemed impossible. After a short while, Cokey found a hole that was caused by the space junk. A moment later, I accidentally pressed a button, which was actually quite fortunate because it opened up and revealed two parachutes. So I called Lili to confirm that the parachutes were not damaged or dangerous. Assuming that she had said "yes," I secured the parachute and then proceeded on to where I could jump off safely. I grabbed my dog, took a deep breath and dropped down the nervetaking height.

The Invention of the Solar Pad

Harrow International School Hong Kong, Ng, Nathan – 7

Once upon a time, there was a boy called "John". He was 12 years old and he loved playing on tablet. However, once its battery ran out he went crazy! Therefore, he wanted to create a tablet that would never run out of energy, now let's see what he's about to make!

He was now in the garage finding tools to make his dream come true. Firstly, he found his tablet in his room. Secondly, he found a cable at the bottom of the desk. Lastly, he found a solar panel just the perfect size. After he found all the materials he needed, he put the materials on the table and started to glue the parts together and make them work. The time he was done he wished for the tablet to work but something was missing...what could it be?

He was sad and hopeless. He had came so far but still his dream didn't come true. All of a sudden, there was a glimpse of ideas to improve his work...so what were his ideas to improve? When he added the missing part, he tried to make it work once more. However, there was something missing again, but what was it this time?

Now he finally figured out what the problem was. It was the energy that is used during night time. If there was no energy you could use at night, then it is not infinite energy. At this time he decided he should have a night function To do that he needs to have a simple machine that can produce energy with wind. But to get the materials to create this machine he needs to go to tech world and fight against the technology crypto demons and win. After he won against the crypto demons he went back home to put the pieces together, to do that he needs a helper and someone who is good at technology the person that he chose was his dad, his dad was a technology master he could do all sorts of things with technology he even made a flying tablet!

So they worked together like a team and let's now see what they made!

After they got the tools they needed to win against the crypto demons, this is how they created the machine so firstly, they had to get a tube and stick some wires on it. Secondly, they had to add a part of a hair dryer inside the tube thirdly, they just had to find out a way to connect it to the tablet.

So now when it is done they tested it once more to see if it works it took ages but will it work this time John pressed the button to turn it on and started typing until night and finally it was working his dream has come true!

He was full of joy his dream has finally came true he has done it now he will never need to charge it again just a little bit of finishing touches then it will be perfect ,now all of his classmates will be so impressed of what he made he now can use his tablet any time he wants to it is so impressive that even his mother, grandfather, brother, sister and grandmother is also bedazzled by his gorgeous creation that he has made they were jumping around the room and celebrating his creation that no one has ever seen he was the first person in the world that invented it. It was so great but now the story ends here!

New Tales of China's Inventions

Hong Kong Baptist University Affiliated School Wong Kam Fai Secondary and Primary School, Mak, Cheuk Lam Athena – 9

Today, I went to a shopping mall and saw a robot spraying sanitizer. That reminds me the Christmas trip at Harbin last week. When we arrived at the hotel, I saw a robot cleaning the floor instead of a cleaner doing the work. I was very surprised. At night we decided to order room service. Half an hour later, I heard some sounds outside and it said "Hello, I am here." Then the phone rang, it said that the food arrived. So, I opened the door. I saw a room service robot right outside and delivered us our food. I was very impressed with the robot.

My parents told me that room service robots were widely used in China during the Covid-19 period. The contactless service helped to prevent spreading the virus. In addition, the robots saved the labour cost. I was shocked that China manufacturers invented these useful and cost saving robots.

It was interesting to know more about room service robots in China. Therefore, I was surfing on the Internet to get more information. There is a hotel called FlyZoo Hotel at Hangzhou which was built by Alibaba's online travel platform. This hotel uses A.I. technology. The Chinese travellers can use the FlyZoo app to check in and the foreigners can check in at the kiosk in the hotel lobby. The guests must do a face recognition, then they can go to their room easily without using a key or access card. Inside the room, you can use a device called Tmall Genie smart assistant by a simple voice command which helps you to adjust the room temperature, lights and TV etc. You can also order water bottles or pillows or something by the Tmall Genie. Those will be delivered by an Alibaba robot. What a convenient and amazing invention!

I hope to stay in this high technology hotel for my vacation next time. I truly believe that more high technology hotels will be built in China in the coming future. I am looking forward there will be one in Hong Kong. This kind of hotel inspired me to work harder at school, especially the STEAM subject. I would like to be an engineer when grow up to get something amazing.

New Tales of China's Inventions

Hong Kong Baptist University Affiliated School Wong Kam Fai Secondary and Primary School, Shun, Caesar Chak Paak – 9

I will never forget that cool mid—winter night. It was my first day of my Christmas holiday after what felt like forever, and I was at a festival booth. All of a sudden, I saw a giant lantern on my right and went to take photos. People were walking into a door in the lantern. I was curious and rushed to the same door and stepped into a strange room...

The room was filled with portals! One of them caught my eye, it was red with rooks on the top. I saw a Chinese shop by the side of portal. I decided to stride into the shop for a look. I saw a bookshelf full of Chinese tales. A book from the bookshelf fell down and glided into my hand. I flipped through the book and discovered that the portal would take me somewhere interesting. I rushed out of the store and hurried into the portal.

Oof! I opened my eyes and found myself kissing the floor. I stood up and found myself outside a maglev (magnetic levitation) train station! I was overjoyed. I skipped into the station, and went through a VIP gate to get pass the ticket hall. I was lucky that I got a pass to help cut the belt! I cut the belt and the first official voyage was about to commence. I quickly boarded the maglev train...

On the train, I quickly turned right into the VIP zone and sat down. Less than a second, the train was zooming 190 km on the track. I was thrilled when looking out of the window while zooming across turn. The train conductor said that we have to buckle up our seatbelts. I quickly buckled it on. An old man sitting next to me whispered, 'You are a super fan of maglev train, aren't you?' I nodded my head.

The old man added, 'Do you know that I have been exploring the use of magnet in this continent for more than 1,000 years? At first, I made a magnetic compass and that revolutionised the world's history. The evolution continued and that gave rise to magnetic levitation. But this is not the end of the journey. The technique will have more breakthroughs in the near future and a magley train will turn into a time machine very soon! And that's why I am.

A Triangle of Trust

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The Atlantic sky was pink. Sunrise crawled over the horizon. A little seaplane purred like a cat. Inside was Robert Walters, archaeologist. He flew towards Bermuda. But his real target was its Triangle.

Robert saw a little island that wasn't on his map. He had to land. He shimmied down to the crystal—clear water. Robert climbed onto the float of the seaplane, hopped onto a rock, and walked onto the soft beach.

All around him were palm trees and coconut trees.

Behind him, a rustle. Robert spun around as quick as lightning and grabbed his M4 carbine, its M203 grenade launcher attached. Silence, then—

A face. Peering out of the murky forest, flinching as Rob turned his gun's flashlight on. A Chinese, but... different. His clothes were ragged and stained with blood. His hair was messy and muddy. Tanned. And a pungent smell of wild game and berries.

But what really surprised Rob was that the man looked at his gun – not with fear, but with curiosity, like it was a metal tube. Then the man asked, "What is that?" Speaking in Chinese—but not the Mandarin Rob learnt in college. Old, warped Chinese.

Soon they stood in a jungle clearing, and Rob saw a feathery, viny log cabin, watching a campfire.

"How long you been here?"

"Fifty decades or more."

This guy must be deranged, Robert thought. Or I'm about to win a Nobel Prize.

As if reading Rob's thoughts, the man said, "There's one magical thing here."

They padded into a stone courtyard. At its center was a rotting junk.

But a junk with pipes. A steam engine bulging in its belly. Tiled roofs.

Giant wooden wings.

Isn't it Zheng He's fleet? Carrying thousands of seamen with all state-of-the-art navigation technology? Wasn't it the first reach Americas? Even before Columbus? Rob was greedy—for everyone to know, of course.

But first he needed an artifact—enough for me to carry it to the seaplane.

Rob carefully snapped off a piece. He tucked his prize—a roughly triangular, coral—like piece of boat, suitable for carbon dating—under a baggy shirt—sleeve.

His heart pounding, he marched towards the shadowy edges of the clearing. Then suddenly a figure rose out from the bushes. "Going somewhere?"

The Chinese!

Rob quickly turned around and said, "Nowhere."

But his brown, leathery face advanced, unblinking. "You're right. We live here now." He lifted Rob's carbine.

But before the old new face could shoot, Rob threw his prize at it. And, unfamiliar with his own prize, the Chinese pulled a trigger as he fell.

The rifle roared, and facing upwards, tore up his jaw.

He'd pulled the second trigger. The grenade launcher's. His ancient body exploded, scattering fragments of his linen shirt. Rob twisted and jumped away, blasted by hot metal shards.

And now, looking back, he saw his legs were black, bleeding and numb. Unmoving.

Sweating, Rob twisted his head. The artifact laid behind. The plane laid ahead.

... crawl? Which way?

The New Tales of China's Invention

Kowloon Tong School (Primary Section), Cheng, Zirui – 9

"Chirp, chirp." The singsong voice of a bird woke me up from slumber. I groaned. Another day of trying to invent a kind of material used to write. It had to be lighter than bamboo, but also less expensive than silk. I was so stressed about this, but I couldn't give up. I had a feeling that if my invention worked, it would be used all around the world one day. By the way, my name is Cai Lun from the Han Dynasty.

It was all started when I asked one of my closest friends to help me get some bamboos to write to the king to inform him that I invented a sword that could pierce through the toughest shield and break the sharpest blade in China. Unfortunately, because of heaviness of bamboos, he tripped and the bamboos fell down to the ground, almost hitting his feet. Immediately, I came out to see what was happening. I asked two friends to help.

While they were helping, I sat in my room pondering. What could be lighter than bamboo, but cheaper than silk? I still didn't have the answer to the question till now. In the next several years later, even after I closed the doors of my house to keep out visitors and to have peace and concentrate, I still did have a good idea.

One day I decided to take a stroll in my garden to have a rest. As I walked, breathing into the fresh air, suddenly I realized that the answer was right here in my garden. First, I boiled bamboo, hemp waste, old rags, fishnets and tree barks to a pulp, which were then beaten before being mixed with water. After the pulp was processed the mixture with wooden sieves, the excessive water was removed to make the mixture dry. Oops! It worked. This new invented material can be used for writing. I didn't have a name for the new material. How about Cai Lun's invention? No! It's too normal. How about table? Nope, too silly. Then maybe it could be called paper! It was perfect! I hoped my work was useful.

I wondered what it would be like five thousand years later.

Three Little Pigs and Master Lu Ban

Maryknoll Convent School (Primary Section), Cheng, Hei Yin – 8

One day, like the fairy tale, three little pigs were too big to live in a small hut. So, they decided to build their own house. Influenced by the "Three little pig" story, they wanted to make a strong home, not to be invaded by the big bad wolf. They asked the wishing well, it told them to ask Master Lu Ban. Who was Master Lu Ban? He was one of the famous Chinese inventors to invent the tools and building method.

The biggest pig first chose the bricks to build his house. However, he was selfish and didn't share with the other pigs. The medium pig chose wood. The smallest pig had no choice but to use straw to build the house. He felt sad and thought he would soon be the wolf's dinner.

Master Lu Ban arrived, and he gave the biggest pig the Lu Ban Lock which required intelligent to unlock. It was put outside the cozy brick house. Lu Ban taught the medium pig how to use Mortise and Tenon Technique to build the wooden house. The smallest pig burst into tears because he could not use the Lu Ban Lock or any new technique to his straw house. Master Lu Ban took pity on him and gave him a secret box. He told it could only be opened when the big wolf arrived.

After a period, the bad wolf appeared! He saw three little houses perched on the little mountain. Influenced by the "Three little pig" story, he thought all pigs hid in the brick house. To his surprise, there was a Lu Ban Lock at the front door. Eventually he spent an hour to unlock. The biggest pig inside was terrified and ran to the wooden house.

The big bad wolf huffed and puffed and tried to blow down the wooden house, just as in the fairy tale. But no matter how hard it tried, the wooden house did not move an inch. The Technique was truly strengthening the house. The big bad wolf was fierce that he set fire to the wooden house. The fire raged across the house quickly. The poor biggest and medium pig covered their mouth and nose with a wet towel and crawled to their last hope—the straw house.

"Woo... Wool..."

The wolf couldn't wait but kept howling, thinking about his feast, moving forward step by step to the straw house.

"POP. POP....."

The three little pigs' hearts couldn't help but pumped hard and fast. They hugged and shook terribly, thinking about their final nightmare.

Suddenly, the smallest pig remembered about Lu Ban's Box, it opened and saw a sharp saw. It was a powerful weapon. The smallest pig took it out. It was as shiny as the sun, and it scared the wolf away without coming back anymore.

At last, the biggest pig found guilty and apologized about his selfishness. Three little pigs lived together happily ever after with Lu Ban's wisdom.

New Tales of China's Inventions – Time Travel Machine

Maryknoll Convent School (Primary Section), Kam, Cheuk Lam Grace – 8

Xue's life was poor and miserable. She and her family lived in a small, run—down hut. They barely had enough money to make ends meet. However, her father was a mad inventor and spent a whole lot of their savings on his inventions!

One night, Xue crept into her father's invention lab to get into a time machine and tried to escape from her terrible life. There was a loud bang, she found herself in a strange place... she landed in front of a weird looking house in China, surrounded by some flying dragon—like lights. Frightened, she cried silently in the cold dark street. Suddenly, a young lady wearing a lab coat walked up to her, "Are you hurt? Don't be afraid,my name is Dr. Zhong. Where are you from? You look quite lost! I can let you stay at my technological Inn!" Xue was very relieved and followed Dr. Zhong to get inside. When she got in, she could see many dragon—like robots serving and calculating. Suddenly, a robot appeared and led her to her room and it was enormous! After Xue took a rest, Dr. Zhong wanted to show Xue her newest inventions, which included: 3D China House printers, robot house keepers and time machines...Xue pondered for a moment, "Hey!How come that time machine looks like the one I went into?" Dr. Zhong saw the look of curiosity on Xue's face. She smiled warmly at Xue and said "I will let you pick one of my best inventions!" Xue's elated, so she picked "The Dream Come True Maker" to make a better life for her poor family and also wanted to help other needy people.

Before Xue left, she gave Dr. Zhong a big hug. She felt content and emotional. Xue said, "I am very grateful that you let me stay at your technological Inn and mostly, I think your inventions are wonderful!" When she left, she saw the bright rays and a flying golden dragon. When she turned and looked back, she saw that Dr. Zhong looked like her! Xue found out that Dr. Zhong was her!

Xue arrived back at her father's house and couldn't believe her eyes. She saw that her home was splendid, and her father was smiling.

From the day on, she always waited at her father's time machine to see if Dr. Zhong would come. Every night, she says to Dr. Zhong through the time machine, "Good night, sweet dreams," and Dr. Zhong would always receive it.

The Great Paper-making Master

Maryknoll Convent School (Primary Section), Siu, Hoi Tung Galena – 6

Long time ago, when Emperor Xian of Han was ruling, a fat young boy named Ling Ling was starting to work. It was a Wednesday and it was cold. The snow was falling like dancers dancing a spring dance, but in Master Hu's work shop, it was nice and warm.

"Come in boy!" shouted Master Hu. Ling Ling slowly walked into Master Hu's workshop, looking around."

"Let me show you around," Master Hu told him.

"Yes, sir. Thank you, sir." Ling Ling bowed.

"This is where we cut the linen," Master Hu pointed to three children using a big knife to cut a giant pile of yellow cloth and rags. "Next, we put the rags in a big pot to make rag soup.".

There was a big black pot full of something like congee. Ling Ling secretly dipped his finger in the pot when Master Hu was not looking. He stuck his finger In his mouth. "Yuck!" he shouted in surprise.

"Ho Ho Ho!" laughed Master Hu, "not so yummy, eh?". Ling Ling's face turned bright red.

"Here, we put a frame in the soup and take a thin layer of the mixture to make a sheet of paper. Then we let it dry."

Ling Ling grabbed a frame. "Not so quick. This is the master's work. You start with the rags!" said Master Hu. Ling Ling walked sadly to the pile of rags. He quickly grabbed a rag and pulled it through the knife.

"Ouch!" he said, putting his cut finger in his mouth.

"Follow me. I show you how to make the mushy soup," said Master Hu.

Ling Ling patiently observed how Master Hu soaked the rugs in water and boiled it to make the soup. "Wait until it is cooled down, then press the paper to remove the water and leave it dry.", said Master Hu.

Ling Ling followed the steps and worked hard every day. "Thank you, Master Hu.I can make paper now!" said Ling Ling. In the end, Ling Ling became a great paper—making master.

The Time When My Mother Got Lost

Marymount Primary School, Yuen, Lok Yi Hilda – 8

Did you know that Chinese people invented the compass before 206 BC, which is more than 2,200 years ago? I always thought that the compass was more widely used in America until my mum told me how important the compass, originated in China, is to our family. Let me retell the story to you.

Ruth was a little girl who loved going on adventures, but her worried mother always told her to keep a compass with her, just in case she could not find her way home. Ruth, always having the latest gadgets, would respond, "I have a phone with me. I can just call you if I ever get lost. Why do I need this old compass?" Little did Ruth know the compass would save her life.

One day, Ruth went hiking with her parents and her friend, who was accompanied by her parents as well. They knew they were heading in the southern direction, which would eventually lead them to their destination. After heading in the south, the two girls were having fun exploring the area and veered off the path and headed towards a private beach while their parents remained at the picnic table.

After a while, the girls stumbled upon a secluded beach. They saw a breathtakingly view of the ocean. The sparkling sea resembled precious jewels, and the sand was clean and soft. The girls laid down and soon they drifted into a peaceful nap.

Some time passed and Ruth woke up with wide eyes. "Oh no! We must have slept for too long!" she exclaimed, shaking her friend awake. The sky was growing dark rapidly and they realised they needed to return to the picnic site. However, they were unable to find their mums and dads. They were gone! Their heart raced rapidly, and they felt nervous and tears rolled down their rosy cheeks like snowballs.

Suddenly, Ruth began searching for answers. She was desperately trying to figure out where her parents were. While she was searching, she brushed against something hard in her right pocket. She pulled it out and it was her mother's compass! After following the needle's direction for a while, they spotted their mums and dads! They ran excitedly towards them, feeling relieved to be reunited with their loved ones.

My mother was the little girl in the story, and she passed down the compass to me. To this day, I carry it with me. The story taught me a valuable lesson. No matter how advanced technology becomes, such as a mobile phone with GPS, they still rely on signals. On the other hand, a compass is primitive but does not need anything to make it work. It is a reliable tool to find our way home. The compass remains a simple but effective invention.

My Day with Cha

St. Joseph's Primary School, Cheuk, Tsun Him – 8

Cha was sniffing around the rose bushes when I finally sat down to drink my iced lemon tea. The blazing sun burned my tender skin while the refreshing citrus taste trickled down my throat. I closed my eyes and lay down on the soft grass, ready for my afternoon nap, but Cha's persistent sniffing made it impossible to fall asleep.

"What's wrong, Cha?", I asked my dog.

Eventually, annoyed, I got up and crawled over to him. I inspected the rosebuds, moving the thorny stems to get a close—up view. Suddenly, I felt a sharp pain in my finger and realized that a thorn had pricked me.

"Look at my finger, Cha! It's bleeding!"

That's when it started. Cha and I both lifted off the ground, high up into the sky. We were so scared that we covered each other's eyes. Eventually, after what felt like hours, we landed with a thud on a pile of fragrant leaves that flew in all directions. We saw a strange—looking man who was boiling something in a big, round pot. From where we were standing, we could see the hot orange flames dancing into the air.

The landscape was unrecognisable and the people looked different. Looking down, I noticed that my clothes had changed too. We were no longer in the park. Beautiful trees surrounded us, with bushy green leaves that slowly fell to the ground. We noticed the man picking them up and smelling them. He called us over. Cha was reluctant at first but, with some encouragement, he followed.

"Hello, young man", the stranger said. "I have just discovered a delicious drink – these leaves fell into my hot water and I found the flavour of the water to change. Here – taste it!"

Cha barked as if to say *No, don't do it!* but I decided to try it anyway. I gingerly took a sip of the warm, flavoured water, realising quickly that it had a familiar taste.

What is it?, barked Cha.

"It's tea!", I said.

"No", the man replied, "I have not named it yet. This is my discovery. I am Emperor Shen Nung. But let me see your hand – it's bleeding."

I remembered my teacher taught us about the production of tea in my Chinese History class. I was shocked. How did I end up here? How do I go home? I stretched out my arm to show the Emperor my wound. He examined it carefully and then rubbed some leaves on it.

"Ouch, that stings!", I exclaimed.

"These leaves have many healing properties", he answered. "You will notice that your hand will heal quickly now and you will no longer be in pain."

He was right. I could feel the relief immediately. I sat next to the Emperor and rested my head against the tree.

I must have fallen asleep. When I woke up, I was back in the park. I looked at Cha and knew he was thinking the same thing. Was it a dream?

Briplastick

St. Joseph's Primary School, Chan, Pak Yiu Curtis – 8

I would like to invent a brand-new building material which is called "Briplastick".

There are too many disasters like earthquakes, tsunamis and tornadoes on the earth. Too many people die from those disasters which make houses collapse. So "Briplastick" is invented for the prevention of more people dying from disasters.

The word "Briplastick" comes from the words of both "brick" and "plastic". "Briplastick" is made of two layers of bricks and a layer of plastic, just like a sandwich. It is used when the buildings or the houses are being built. Instead of brick walls, builders can build buildings or houses with "Briplastick" walls. Although brick walls are strong enough, the "Briplastick" walls are much stronger than the brick ones. When disasters come, people have to escape from their own homes made of brick walls and go to find shelters to stay. If the homes are built with "Briplastick", people are safe to stay in their own homes. "Briplastick" is harder to let the disasters make people hurt or even die.

To make my invention come true, I would like to suggest this idea to the builders and save the public from disasters.

Can Leo Save the World?

St. Joseph's Primary School, Fung, Chun Lok – 8

This is year 2085. Weather on Earth is extremely bad. High temperature has already killed one third of the population. Humans cannot see hope on Earth and the only option is to discover a new planet that humans can live.

Leo is one of the scientists trying to discover a new planet. He is part of the China Space Technology team. Since 2003 Yang LiWei became the first Chinese astronaut, China Space Technology has advanced a lot.

Leo is 34 years old. He was the youngest PHD in University. When he was 4 years old, he memorized everything about the universe especially galaxies and black holes. His favorite blackholes were TON 618 and Phoenix A while Milky Way and Andromeda Galaxy were his favorite galaxies. Leo is also very brave and kind. His biggest dream is to find a suitable planet for humans so that he can take his family to start a new life.

To discover new planets, Leo must build a very fast spaceship. He tries many times but fails. He is stressed but will not give up. He wants to save his family and the world. Leo knows that nothing can be faster than the speed of light and he needs to build a spaceship that can go 90% of speed of light. However, his spaceship can only reach 75%. Leo needs to find ways to increase 15% more.

After a long day of work, Leo takes the China Railway High-speed (CRH) home. On the highspeed train he sees a kid playing paper airplane. This gives him an inspiration, "What if I upgrade the launch pad! Instead of launching the spaceship on the ground, I can launch it on top of CRH." The superspeed of the CRH will give an extra 15% acceleration to the spaceship

The next morning, he rushes back to his Lab. He wastes no time to research and does experiments. After 3 months of hard work, he finally succeeds. His spaceship is ready to launch.

Leo sits in the cockpit of his spaceship and ready to start his first space mission. It is exciting and horrifying. Travel to space is full of dangers like gamma rays, x-rays, blackholes and supernovas. Even though it is very scary, he knows he must face it.

Leo has brought his family and more than ten thousand people including lumberjacks, workers, builders and scientists to start a new life on new planet. The spaceship is also docked on Leo newly invented launch pad riding on the CRH train. After the countdown, the highspeed train begins to accelerate and is getting faster and faster. After a short moment, the highspeed train has reach top speed. Leo is getting ready to push the ignition button. He took a deep breath and his heart is pumping rapidly. Leo pushes the button and with a big loud noise the spaceship has took off.

Will Leo find a new planet? Can Leo save the world?

A Meet with China Inventor Luban

St. Joseph's Primary School, Hor, Kwan Lok Ares – 7

Once upon a time, there was a smart boy named Adam who was very fond of architecture. One day he went to a forest to go for an exciting adventure. He found a secret road which could reach a mysterious castle, inside there were two guards protecting a time machine. The time machine could travel back in time to any place that you are interested. Finally, he found the castle with a stunning view behind it. Adam said, "It's huge!"

Adam quickly showed an old key from his grandpa to the guards, and so they let him go inside the time machine. He unlocked the door and rushed into the it. Adam then went through the time road and travelled to some places that he had not seen before. He said in confusion, "Where have I been travelled to?" There were some trees, grasses and flowers, but did not have any people here. Adam shouted, "Any people here?"

When he turned his head to his back direction, he realized that some people were using axes to cut the trees down. Adam said, "Why do these people just use axes to cut the trees? This is an old method of cutting trees." Then he quickly realized that these people were wearing old clothes and shoes. Around there were some old architectures with beautiful structure. Adam said, "Oh, I remember this kind of house! This is the time about two thousand years ago." A man just came towards him from behind. Adam was completely dumbstruck with terror, "Who is that?" He ran forward to the man and asked him, "Who are you?" And the man responded, "You don't know me? I am Luban, and who are you?" Adam said, "I am Adam, from two thousand years later."

"Oh Luban, I remember you. You are the smart and creative craftsman in ancient times who invented many work objects, such as ladders, rulers, etc." Adam said.

Luban said, "Yes, I have just invented Tenon."

Adam said, "Tenon, what is that?" And Luban said, "Tenon is our new Chinese architecture, furniture and major structural way. It is a technique for joining two or more components in which the components protrude. The angled part is called the tenon, and the concave part is called the mortise. The most amazing thing about this technology is that it doesn't use a nail. Wood can be combined firmly."

Adam said, "Oh so Tenon should be an important invention that influences Chinese architecture a lot."

Luban then showed Adam some houses that he built with Tenon structure recently.

"That's so awesome! I can't imagine houses can be built without a single nail! That's brilliant! In my time, people used machine to make houses, but I think my house is still more comfortable than yours because we used bricks to make houses."

Luban said, "No, I don't think so, let me show you my house."

Ok." Adam said.

Luban took Adam to his magnificent house.

Adam shouted, "Oh my god, this is definitely more comfortable than my house! And the roof is so beautiful! Because it is made of wood, it is so cool in the house even without air—conditioner."

Suddenly, he found Luban disappeared and shouted, "Luban, where are you?" He heard a reply.

Luban said, "I'm cooking food for you."

Adam nodded and responded, "Ok, thanks." After he finished the delicious meal, he told Luban it's time to go back to the future. After saying goodbye, Adam sited in his chair and mumbled, "I still cannot believe a place built in two thousand years ago can be better than now."

Robot 4000 and I

St. Joseph's Primary School, Law, Jayden – 7

It is year 2053. I am walking down the street. Rubbish is found everywhere, and people are running around searching for clean water. I know that Hong Kong has been destroyed. At once, I run home and think about how to save Hong Kong. Suddenly, my brain is full of ideas, and I start to draw up my plan. I come up with an invention, named Robot 4000. Robot 4000 is a robot that sucks up rubbish and sea water at the same time. A laser turns rubbish into powder, and a net separates powder from the sea water. Then, sea water goes through desalination to become drinkable.

A friend of mine, Joyce, who knows how to find rich people to help financing new inventions. Joyce is interested in my design and finds thirty people to finance my invention. Joyce and I gather the parts and start to build a prototype robot in my garage. After one month, the robot is finally finished. We take it out for a trial. After placing the robot near the pier, Joyce finds that the robot cannot suck up any rubbish or sea water. I know that there is a mistake. I ask myself, "Why doesn't it pick up any rubbish?" We bring the robot back to the garage and take it apart. After a long investigation, Joyce finds the problem. The gears to drive the robot arms are assembled incorrectly. Joyce changes the gears back to the correct position. But this time, the gear box cannot be closed and is leaking oil. Together as a team, Joyce and I replace the gear box so that the robot can be tested again. We try to close the gear box. It works! We take the robot back to the pier for another test run. This time, the robot is able to collect both rubbish and sea water. I hear rubbish and sea water going through the pipe, and the laser is cutting the rubbish into powder and desalinating the sea water. Joyce stops the robot. I shout, "It finally works!" Joyce suggests, "We should make more Robot 4000." We make a hundred robots and all of them work.

No matter how hard we try, we cannot give enough clean water to all residents in the city. I try to speak with everyone I know. I say, "Do not create too much rubbish and throw it in the sea. The fish will eat rubbish and get sick. And we will not have sea creatures to eat." Looking back, the sea was clean before but now it is full of rubbish. Inventions can help our daily lives, but they cannot replace any extinct or endangered animals and resources consumed by human beings.

Lost and Found

St. Joseph's Primary School, Leung, William – 8

Tears blurred Timmy's eyes as the highspeed rail flew. Memories of the family Christmas trip to Guangzhou two years ago flashed back. He wished he could turn back time when Mum was alive. Reality zoomed in when Timmy opened his eyes. All he could see was dad, sitting quietly beside him on the train. As the train arrived Guangzhou, Dad and Timmy made their way to Rosewood Hotel, which used to be mum's favourite vacation spot. In reminiscence of Mum, Timmy and Dad spent every Christmas there.

As the night fell, loneliness crept in. While dad was deep in sleep, Timmy kept tossing and turning on the bed. With much difficulty falling asleep, Timmy decided to write a diary. As he slid open the drawer for a pencil, he discovered a pair of glasses in the drawer surprisingly. A card next to it said, "Relive the best memories with this pair of memory glasses. See it yourself and feel it again like never before."

With much hesitation, Timmy put on the glasses. Suddenly, he felt some electric current passing through his brain and there was a shock at the cortex. He saw that he was brought back to his favourite childhood theme park, Chimelong Paradise. Mum was there beside him when they went for the bumper cars, spinning teacups and sky drop. "Hold my hands tight if you are scared. Mummy is always here for you," the cooing voice of mum comforted Timmy. It felt so distant yet so close. Soon, Timmy's vision was brought to Chimelong Water Park, where he sat on Mum's laps for the thrilling water slides. "Hold on tight," Mum shrieked before they were ejected into a splash pool. Little Timmy felt into the water in a loud thud. Nevertheless, he was tightly wrapped around Mum's arms.

Timmy was speechless. He could not believe his most cherish memories could be instantly retrieved and portrayed, just like he was reliving those moments. He snatched off the memory glasses in disbelief and discovered two other buttons, "present" and "future". He pressed the present button and saw himself lying on the desk, looking grim. Mr Zhao sighed, "Timmy! Look at yourself. I know you feel painful, but do you think your Mum would be happy seeing you feeling distraught? You have to look forward and move on." Timmy wailed, "Everyone asks me to move on, but I can't let go." Portrait of the present through the memory glasses reminded Timmy of the hardest times of all. Feeling unbearable, Timmy took off the glasses and dared not wear it anymore. He hid the memory glasses carefully in his pockets and went into bed before Dad discovered.

On the train journey home, Timmy thought about what had happened. It seemed like what was portrayed was a wake—up call. The past shared with Mum was definitely memorable, but keep dreaming about the past would not take him any further. He began to scribble plans for the new year like how he would have come up with new year resolutions with Mum in the past. Although feeling empty, he decided he should try to live purposefully and positively from now on.

As Timmy got home, he could not resist the temptation of seeing what the future held. He tapped the future button on the memory glasses and saw himself walking down the aisle wearing a university gown and cap. At the end of the aisle, a familiar motherly figure was awaiting him with a bunch of flowers. Mum said, "I am proud of you, my dear Timmy! Strive for the best at good and bad times. You know I am always by your side." Timmy knew this portrait of the future may not be realised in turn. Yet, he felt empowered to have walked down the memory lane and found the focus of his life again.

Grandpa's Antique Chest

St. Joseph's Primary School, Mak, Jayden Nathan – 8

It was Grandpa's funeral.

James Cai was holding an antique chest, which was a gift from Grandpa. Grandpa once told James, "This is our family treasure, my dear. Do not open it until you're twelve years old." James would only be twelve next month. He could not resist the temptation to find out what the family treasure was. He whispered to himself, "I must take a peep at the chest after Grandpa's funeral."

The next day, James opened the chest. He peeped inside and was disappointed. There was only a piece of rotten paper. "Liar! No treasure, just trash." James started to cry until he was exhausted and fell asleep. With tears on his face, and of course, the paper in his hand.

In his dream, James was in ancient China. He saw a young man walking towards him, with a pile of bamboo slips. Suddenly, the young man fell down because the bamboos slips were too heavy.

"Are you okay?" asked James while he was helping the young man.

The young man replied, "I'm okay. Thanks, buddy!"

"Where're you going with such a big pile of bamboo slips? Are you a carpenter or panda caretaker?"

"Of course not! I'm going to school," the young man answered.

James asked, "Why don't you write on paper instead of such heavy materials?"

James forgot that he was in ancient China where paper did not exist. The young man was puzzled and asked, "What's paper? I've never heard about it!"

Until then James realised that he was in ancient China.

"Let me tell you what paper is. Paper is a material that you write on. It's light and easy to carry. Oh right! I got a piece of paper with me. Let me show you," James said.

The young man said, "It's amazing! Can you tell me how to make it?"

"As I learnt about the invention of paper from my primary science book, paper is made with plant fibres, fishing net and old rags. Not only can paper be used to make books, it can also be used as toilet paper, paper bags or even paper money. The importance of paper is more than what you imagined."

"That's wonderful! Unfortunately, I don't know how to make paper," the young man said disappointedly.

"As my Grandpa always said, 'success only comes to those who dare to attempt," James said.

"This is the family precept of our Cai's family too," the young man said. "I swear I will make my own paper one day!"

James was surprised and said, "Oh! I'm also from the Cai's family. My name is James."

"Nice to meet you, James. I'm Lun, Cai Lun," said the young man.

"What? You're the one who invented..." Before James finished his words, the sky became too bright that made him closed his eyes.

When James opened his eyes later, he found that he was on his bed, with that piece of rotten paper in his hand.

The New Tale of the Planer

St. Joseph's Primary School, Ng, Daryl – 8

Once upon a time in ancient China, Lu Ban, the legendary inventor and carpenter, found himself facing a perplexing challenge. He had been tirelessly working on a planer. However, he couldn't quite figure out how to make it smoothen wood more efficiently.

One day, as Lu Ban was working on his invention, a mysterious portal appeared before him. Out stepped a young boy from the future.

"Who are you?" Lu Ban curiously asked.

"I'm Max from the future. I came here to meet you because you are my role model. You are intelligent and creative. You are the Chinese god of carpentry!" said Max excitedly.

"Thanks, but now I am figuring out how to make a machine that can smoothen wood planks and I still can't think of how to make one." Lu Ban sighed.

Max opened his pencil case. "This is a pencil sharpener. It sharpens wooden pencils and it makes pencils very smooth," Max said as he demonstrated.

Curious and intrigued, Lu Ban welcomed Max and listened attentively as the boy slowly explained the mechanics of his pencil sharpener. Max's sharpener had a sharp blade, allowing it to sharpen wooden pencils. Lu Ban grinned as he realized the key to his planer being able to smoothen wood might lie in this young boy's sharpener.

Lu Ban and Max embarked on an extraordinary collaboration, mixing ancient wisdom with future knowledge. They carefully studied the design of the pencil sharpener and thought of ideas on how to add its principles to the planer. Lu Ban's terrific craftsmanship and Max's innovative ideas blended very well, creating a harmonious partnership. They diligently worked on modifying the planer. With each change, they became more confident that their combined efforts would lead to a breakthrough.

Finally, the day of reckoning arrived. Lu Ban and Max's hearts filled with worriedness and excitement. With a deep breath, they both carefully held a piece of wood on the giant planer. The planer buzzed, and to their amazement, the planer slowly levelled the piece of wood.

Joy erupted in their hearts as they watched the planer levelled the wood, carrying the dreams of two inventors across the horizon. Lu Ban and Max couldn't contain their excitement, celebrating their success and the birth of a new era of carpentry.

News of Lu Ban's remarkable achievement spread like wildfire, captivating the imagination of people everywhere. The story of Lu Ban's collaboration with a young boy from the future became a legend, inspiring generations to embrace the power of teamwork, innovation, and the belief that anything is possible.

As for Max, he returned to his own time with a grateful heart, carrying with him the lessons and memories of his special encounter with the legendary inventor.

The tale of Lu Ban and the planer served as a reminder that the most incredible creations often emerge from unexpected encounters and the fusion of different perspectives.

New Tales of China's Inventions

St. Joseph's Primary School, So, Ho Ming Hayden – 8

One day after school, I went to the nearby public library to search for a book called "Amazing Inventions from China" because I had a presentation in the coming week. "The four great inventions are the compass, paper, gun powder and printing." As I read, my head became heavier and heavier. The book seemed to be irritated and trembled violently. The ancient Chinese characters in the picture are like black ribbons, spinning around me. I looked at this inky tornado in shock......

"Clippity clop......" the strange voice woke me up from what must have a nightmare. But I found myself in the strangest house, it looked like an antique museum. When I looked outside, the other houses looked like temples, the streets were crowded with horses, and people were wearing robes. I was about to rush out when an old man in a silky blue robe greeted me abruptly. "Master Fu is expecting you."

"What are you talking about? Are youFu?" I asked.

"No! Mister, I dare not," he smiled apologetically, and led me down the stairs.

"Who is Fu?" I asked again.

"He invented the compass," he said.

We got to a lacquered elm wood door with mahogany embossed word "Fu" and a lion's head knocker, which the old man used to knock three times.

Master Fu opened the door, he had a ridiculously long beard. He didn't speak; he simply stared at me. The silence was broken when I gathered my courage to ask a question.

"Did you invent the compass?" I asked.

His eyes sparkled like diamonds, "you mean this? This is not called a compass, it's called a 'Si nan', or iron needle, South-pointer."

"What.....which dynasty are we from?" I asked.

He replied "Han dynasty."

"The one before the 'three kingdoms'?" I exclaimed.

"Three kingdoms?" He looked confused.

"Soon China will split into three kingdoms...."

"Hush! Hush!" he was looking around, as if the walls had ears, "we can't say that. Now, back to my invention."

"You're such a genius," I looked closer at this ancient Chinese compass, which looked like a wooden board with some Chinese characters written on it and had a magnet on it that looked like a spoon. "You invented something for navigation!"

"For navigation? This is for fortune telling."

I remembered the ancient people used compasses for fortune telling. He went on to tell me all about his invention. He believed that the center of the compass represented Heaven and the square plate represented Earth.

I never thought that a compass could be so interesting. Master Fu went to his bookshelf to find a book. He took a book which was the same book I borrowed. He turned to the page about Si nan and the words flew into the air, forming a tornado. I returned to my house. It was a shame that my meeting with him was cut short. Luckily, the presentation was a success!

The Five Famous Chinese Inventions

St. Joseph's Primary School, Tam, Karl – 7

Once, there was a clever and skilled martial artist called Kronoze. He worked for a famous Chinese scientist, Master Cai. Master Cai had invented an amazing time machine. It looked like a humongous shiny cube and on the inside, it looked even bigger than on the outside! Just before they were ready to try the machine, they heard screaming and explosions!

In the forest, there were burning trees. A scientist called Poison Black was fascinated with all the "Kaboom"s. He was inventing gunpowder. He did experiments in a forest and harmed a lot of plants and animals, but Poison Black didn't care. His destructions were so intense that caused his wife and son killed in a bush fire. At first, Poison Black felt sad and miserable, but later, he became angry, furious and crazy! "I have no family anymore. It's not fair! I will create a bomb to destroy everything!" he cried.

The Chinese government told Kronoze to catch Poison Black and lock him up in jail. But he was too cunning for Kronoze to defeat. He planted some superbombs near Kronoze but luckily Kronoze managed to flee just in time. He told Master Cai what happened and they both thought of a brilliant idea! Their plan was for Kronoze to travel to the past before Poison Black became very evil and persuade Poison Black to help people instead of trying to destroy other families.

Kronoze stepped inside the fantastic time machine. He was thrilled to bits to be the first person using the Time Machine. He went back into the past. Whoosh! Everything went wobbly. He felt sick and could barely stand up. Suddenly, the Time Machine landed with a thump! When he clambered out of the machine, everything looked different. He met Poison Black before he became mad. Kronoze told him to stop doing experiments on nature, or something bad would happen to his family.

Poison Black listened carefully.

When Kronoze travelled back to the present, he discovered that Poison Black was now a good scientist who was living happily with his family, helping China. However, a lot of trees had died during Poison Black's earliest experiments. Poison Black felt guilty of the destruction. He turned to Master Cai for help. Master Cai worked together with Poison Black to turn the burnt trees into papers.

Now you may know who Master Cai really is! He is the legendary inventor of paper, Cai Lun.

Meanwhile, Poison Black thought of a way to improve his gunpowder bombs— to turn them into fireworks of every colour imaginable for people to celebrate a peaceful world and special festivals like Chinese New Year.

The team worked on more amazing projects for mankind while Kronoze was having more thrilling adventures in Master Cai's brilliant Time Machine.

New Tales of China's Inventions

St. Joseph's Primary School, Wong, Yuk Nam Louis -

As technology advances, China has kept along the pace and invented numerous inventions. Today, I will introduce you to one of the four great inventions of China, paper.

A long time ago, bamboo and silk were both writing materials but both had their disadvantages. Bamboo was too heavy and silk was too expensive for ordinary people. So, a village held a meeting and chose a few representatives in attempt to invent paper. They were hardworking but they yet couldn't invent paper.

One of the representatives practiced Taekwondo. One day, he took a stroll in the park, practicing his Taekwondo skills along the way. He accidentally punched a leaf, noticing the leaf did not fall from the plant, he could not stop to think about the incident along the way. When he was about to leave the park and go home, he shouted "I got it!" and ran back to the leaf. He took a sample leaf and went to the library to do some research. He found that it was a very common plant in China. Its leaves were tough, lightweight and just right for making paper. The next day, he called a meeting with the representatives and shared his discoveries. They all agreed to collect this kind of plant as much as possible.

A few days later, the emperor got sick. It was discovered that he relied on the plant to make a special herbal tea. The representatives were very honest. They went to the palace to confess. They saw the emperor lying on his bed, his face pale white. After they had confessed, the emperor said "Leave me alone! Continue your quest!" then he passed away.

After the Emperor's funeral, the representatives continued to hunt for materials. Now they understood the properties of paper, the search was easier. They bought and borrowed materials such as broken nets from fishermen, wood bark from wood cutters. Now the work was getting complicated. They selected more workers to help with the work. They extracted fibers from barks, teared the plants into tiny pieces, and boiled all the materials, then they dried them. After many trials and errors, they finally succeeded in making paper. All of the representatives and workers became heroes.

Starting from that moment, China became the first country in the world to have paper. Although China tried to keep it secret, word spread out and soon, this great invention was known all over the world. Next, it was up to the modern people to make paper more practical, cheaper and better, to turn it into paper that we use today.

We really owe them a lot. The secret to their success? Never give up, have perseverance and an open mind. Who knows? If you possess these three qualities, with a bit of luck, you can be them too! These people can teach you a lot. Don't worry, you can mend your ways. Don't give up!

A Dream Trip to Beijing: The Exciting Adventure on the New Underground Driverless Magnetic Levitation Train

St. Joseph's Primary School, Yeung, Ka Hei Erick - 7

My name is Erick, and I am a primary two student who loves technology. My mind is always buzzing with creative ideas about different inventions. One night, after watching a TV show about cool new inventions, I had an amazing dream. In my dream, I met a friendly robot named Kayui, who took me on a cool adventure into the world of advanced technology.

"Hello! Erick," Kayui said in a smooth robot voice, "I am here to show you some awesome stuff. Are you ready for an adventure?"

I nodded eagerly, showing how excited I was. Kayui then took me to see a special train called a Magnetic Levitation Train. It was underground and did not need a driver to operate. "How cool!" I thought excitedly. This train had robots on board that helped passengers with everything they needed. They were like helpful and professional waiters! I wandered around with all my curiosity.

"The goal of this train is to make travel really comfortable and easy for everyone. The train even has a special system that helps to recognize people's faces instead of using tickets. It means no more paper tickets to worry about! It makes everything goes smoothly!" explained Kayui.

"Look, Erick," each seat on the train comes with free food service. You can ask for mouth—watering food, and they will bring it right to you. It is like a food adventure! The joy of the ride brings happiness. Convenient and efficient transportation can greatly enhance the quality of life!" Kayui continued to promote with pride.

The most exciting part was that this train was connected to other trains all around the world. You could travel to around the world in just a few hours.

"A famous person once said, 'The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page," Kayui quoted, as we zoomed through different countries and landscapes.

A few weeks later, I found myself in Beijing, standing in front of the real version of the train from my dream. It was just as amazing as I imagined, maybe even better! The train was fast, efficient, and environmentally friendly. It did not have wheels like the other normal trains, which made it even cooler.

"No matter what the weather is like, this train always runs on time," Kayui assured me promisingly, as we watched the train zoom by in rain or shine.

This dream trip was like a dream come true for me. It made me realize how fast technology is advancing in China and all over the world. The New Underground Driverless Magnetic Levitation Train is a perfect example of China cool inventions and how they are making travel easier with joy. As I said goodbye to the train, I could not help but think, "The future is here, and it is even better than I imagined." Kayui gave me a big smile, and we waved goodbye, ready for our next adventure.

The Big Four

St. Margaret's Coeducational English Secondary and Primary School, Chan, Tsz Nga – 7

A long time ago, in a beautiful little village of China, there were four intelligent people. They were very clever and loved creating amazing things. They always joined together to discuss how to make wonderful things.

The first wise man called G. He was knowledgeable. He loved reading books, he built a huge library that stored thousands of books. He wanted to share all these books with people. Then, he made a magical timeless door, people from all over the world could step through this door and enter the Library to read and learn new things. It was like going on an exciting adventure without leaving their homes.

The second one, Master Bobo, worked very hard to make a special train called the Special Fly, because he wanted to make people travelled to different cities in China. The Special Fly could run in the air using wind and magic. People could ride in it and fly through the sky to reach their places quickly and easily.

The third one was a talented scientist. Her name is Kenice. She always wanted to make people feel happy and calm, and she liked music too. So, she invented a Chinese musical instrument, called Guqin, which played beautiful music. When people listened to the music, they felt happy, relaxed and calm. Everyone loved listening it because it made their lives better and no more sadness.

The last one, Bottle, who was the youngest boy in the little village, Bottle missed his family who lived far away. He always wanted to stay connected with his family, so he created the Coo Talkie, an amazing machine that could make video calls instantly over long distances. With Coo Talkie, friends and family could talk to each other on air no matter where they were in China. It made them feel close and happy.

Those inventors brought a lot of joy and happiness to the people of China. The Special Fly made traveling fun and fast. The Guqin made people feel happy and calm. The Coo Talkie helped friends and family stay connected. And the G Library let people explore and learn new things.

They turned fantasy into reality, and made a new way of people lives. They became famous with those wonderful inventions and loved by everyone. Later, people named them as Big Four, their names were remembered forever in China's history.

The stories of their inventions were passed down through the generations. The Big Four inspired many young inventors to think big, dream big and create amazing things in China to make a better world.

An Environmentally Friendly Jet Pack

St. Margaret's Coeducational English Secondary and Primary School, Davies, Noah – 7

Catapult wanted to make the world easier and protect the environment. He was from China which is good at making things environmentally friendly so he wanted to make solar paneled cars but there were already too many cars so he wanted to make something even better. Then he had an idea! He would make environmentally friendly jet packs but he did not have enough materials or all the technology, but in China he knew he would find the materials and technology he needed to make his idea! He could then combine them in his dad's mechanical workshop. He worked day and night until he had made the environmentally friendly jet pack.

The jet pack would be just like wings, you could go anywhere except for the far distances. When it's raining, it would be better not to use. It would be good for old people too, as it would help them get around. There would be new sports. It would also make some jobs easier, like cleaning the windows of skyscrapers. It would be good for search and rescue.

The fastest speed should be 80 to 100 kilometers per hour. It could go about 150–300 meters above the ground. It would be able to hover for about 30 minutes. It would have a built—in parachute. You would have to be careful of birds and around the airport. You need a license to use it, however, there could be an auto fly mode. From my home in Tung Chung, it would take about 12 minutes to get to my school in Sham Shui Po (my current commute is 50 minutes). Later it would hopefully better.

New Tales of China's Inventions

St. Margaret's Coeducational English Secondary and Primary School, Kan, Pak Hei – 7

It was a warm winter afternoon. As usual, before leaving school, I would go to the crack in the door of the school warehouse to see the little stray cat adopted by the school staff. Suddenly a golden light shot out from the cat's eyes. There was a white light in front of me and I couldn't see anything. My whole body was spinning. My school bag and water bottle were all gone. When I stood firm again, I came to a village I didn't know in front of the house made of wood and hay. A little boy who was as tall as me wearing cloth clothes and wearing straw sandals opened the door and walked out. He was holding a wooden sword in his hand and looked at me in surprise. "Who are you? Why did you fall from the sky? "He asked. "Hi, I am Qiao, I come from Hong Kong. I don't know how I came here actually, that seemed like a burst of light took me into a tube and delivered it." "My name is Qu, and this is the Song Dynasty." He said very kindly. "What did you grab in your hand?" When I took a look, it turned out to be a Rubik's Cube. I was too nervous and clenched my hands tightly, so I brought the Rubik's Cube. Look at the child's dress and surroundings. I initially judged that I travelled through time and space and returned to ancient China. Toys are the most common language for children. When I taught him to play the Rubik's Cube, we quickly became good friends and talked about everything. From the conversation, I learned that I travelled through more than 2,000 years and came to the forty-fourth year of King Zhou Jing (about 476 BC in the early Warring States Period). This Qu is very smart and full of curiosity about the future world. He asked a lot of questions, and I told him that in the future there would be cars, ships, high-speed trains, airplanes, and even space shuttles. He looked entranced and very interested. He also showed me the swordsmanship. Because his surname was Mo, he said that when he up, he would name it Mozi Swordsmanship to defend his homeland and country from infringement. He also said that he felt like flying in the sky like a bird. After hearing that there would be airplanes that could fly in the sky in the future world, he decided to try making a little bird out of wood to see if it could fly. We also discussed Newton being hit by an apple, discovering the gravity of the earth, and the very fast speed of light. Time passed quickly, and after a while, the sun was about to set. Suddenly a beam of light came out of the sun and shone on me. I knew I was going home. Qu gave me his small wooden sword, but it was such a pity that it turned into ashes in the wormhole. When I returned home to Hong Kong, the first thing I did was turn on my computer and look up Mo Qu. It turned out that Qu Mo grew up to become a famous inventor and thinker in history. He became Mo Zi greater. Maybe I have some credit for this? Thinking about it, I smile slightly!

New Tales of China Inventions

St. Margaret's Coeducational English Secondary and Primary School, Ng, Wayne – 8

My heart was pounding so hard when I saw a young man's face visualized in front of my eyes. 'Great grandpa!' I gasped, but no words were coming out from my mouth because my entire body was paralyzed. I also recognized the thing in his hand at once – it was the collectible box that passes along from one generation to the next in our family, the manifestation of accumulated wisdom.

'Mon ami...' the alien pointed its finger towards me and vanished into thin air. When I woke up in the morning, I rushed to my study and opened the collectible box with my shaky hands. There were not three but four stones resting in the slots! The new stone had polar—opposite style with the other stones. It was transparent in the morning but a spectrum of color gradients at night. Not knowing what its power was, I decided to lock myself in the laboratory and do all sorts of experiments with it.

'Awww...! What is that smell?' my mom frowned as she put the dinner tray on my desk.

'I think I smelled Sauerkraut fish... no, was it century egg?' My mom murmured as she sniffed around in the lab like a puppy.

'Awww...! Did you have trouser coughs?' She covered her nose and dashed away. At that moment, I realized there was something to do with the new stone! Those were the food that I consumed in last few days and the smells somehow still lingered distinctly inside this laboratory. And yes, I was breaking wind.

If my great grandpa invented the radio decades ago by using the SOUND stones; my grandpa modified it to create a television by using the SIGHT stone; my father made use of the TOUCH stone to invent 3D imaging... what would be my destiny with the new stone?

After running numerous tests, I managed to stabilize the power of this SMELL stone. I called my invention 'Scentech'. Unlike some similar products that are available in the market, smells can now be readily uploaded, stored, and downloaded online with Scentech's technology. People who paid a registration fee can enjoy an array of smells from our database. In the past, you may have smelled Krabby Patty while watching SpongeBob in a movie theater. Today with Scentech, you can revisit the smell of Krabby Patty whenever you like, and as much as you want!

Apart from the common smells such as food, plants and odors, users can purchase our specially designed device which can collect and digitalize any scents for storage and utilization. For example, your grandma's freshly baked cookies or the smelly tofu that you tried in Taiwan. Our premium service also allows users to systematize their unique scents, make them public on our online platform for other users to download and have a sniff!

New Tales of China's Inventions

St. Margaret's Coeducational English Secondary and Primary School, Nga, Chiu Tuen – 8 In the year 2023, China invented something useful called the "TalkEasy." It was a special device that helped people talk to each other even if they spoke different languages.

TalkEasy was a small device. It had buttons and a screen, and you could hold it in your hand. When you wanted to talk to someone who spoke a different language, you just pressed a button and spoke into the device.

TalkEasy was very smart. It translates what you said into the other person's language. Then, it played the translation for them to hear. It was like magic! People could have conversations and understand each other, even if they didn't speak the same language.

Everyone loved TalkEasy, especially travellers. They could explore different countries and talk to the locals easily. It made it easier to learn about new cultures and make friends from all over the world.

In schools, the TalkEasy became a helpful tool for language classes. Students could practise speaking different languages and get quick translations. It made learning fun and exciting.

The TalkEasy also brought families closer together. If someone had family members who lived far away and spoke a different language, they could still have conversations and understand each other. It made them feel connected, even from a distance.

TalkEasy improves as new versions come out with more languages. It became a popular device all around the world, helping people talk and understand each other.

The TalkEasy showed how smart and innovative China was. It made the world a friendly place, where people from different countries could come together and have meaningful conversations. The TalkEasy was a bridge between people from different part of the world.

And so, with TalkEasy, people could talk and understand each other, no matter what language they spoke. It was a wonderful invention that made the world smaller and a lot friendlier.

The Amazing Watefly

St Margaret's Coeducational English Secondary and Primary School, Pickard, Rosie – 8

Today in 2060 in Hong Kong, a new invention was revealed – the amazing water—fly blaze car. So far, only one of these cars has been made and it would be super expensive to buy, if they were selling it, which they are not. Anyway, I will talk about the car and its features rather than how many of them are in existence.

This amazing car, apart from driving on the roads, can also fly and can swim under water! You are probably thinking how it manages to do this and of course I'm going to tell you. Firstly, the designers made the wheels able to turn in all directions so that they can act like the fins of a fish and help it change direction under water. Also, when flying, the wheels are designed to close into the bottom of the car like a planes' landing gear. At the same time, two wings will swing out from each side of the car and help it to fly up and up just like a plane. But don't worry, when you are flying or driving underwater, the car has an air—tight cabin and an oxygen supply to make sure that you can still breathe. The designers are however still inventing more safety features.

The designers decided to come up with this invention so as to help reduce injuries on the very crowded streets of Hong Kong and to help get round the big traffic jams. If a taxi or big truck is driving too close behind you or the roads are blocked ahead of you, you can drive straight up into the air and avoid a collision and escape the jams. Alternatively, you can drive off the road and head into Hong Kong Harbour and take a short cut to avoid the big queues for the cross—harbour tunnels. The car has a special guidance system to help it miss other cars and pedestrians and means that you can even travel in it asleep and let the car do the driving. How relaxing—ahhh!.

So far, I have not told you anything about the inside of the car. For starters, it has really comfortable chairs like something you would find in your lounge. It has a food storage cupboard and a fridge with ice cream and cold drinks. It even has an oven in which you can cook fried chicken. You can even turn the chairs into beds with a massage feature – how cool.

I think this car is also a great invention because the materials used to make the car are very environmentally friendly. How may you ask? Well, the body is made of waste timber which is ground to a fine powder and then ground up tree bark and resin is added to make it waterproof and tough. The paste is then pressed very hard into a mould to make the body. The tyres are formed from recycled rubber and all the metal bits are made from recycled aluminium drinks cans.

Lastly, I heard that they will make the water-fly car less expensive so that most people can afford one.

New Tales of China Inventions

St. Margaret's Coeducational English Secondary and Primary School, Shreshta, Lucilla –

China in the past had many important inventions for humans. For example, paper is used in notebooks, books, maps and paper bags. They invented gunpowder too. Gun powder is mostly used in war or something. Nowadays to entertain us, we use it to make fireworks. Most of the evenings in Disneyland fireworks are displayed.

China made an app called "Taobao", you can use it to buy things. My mum used it to buy many things such as the dining table, couch. Now that it is Christmas, she bought a Christmas tree. Instead of going to the shop to pay with money, you can pay online. Buying on the Internet is more convenient and it can save more time. If you search on the Internet, it is easier to find what you need. If you go to the shop to find it then you have to go around the whole store to find the item and that wastes time.

Paying on the Internet can be much easier than paying with cash. China invented these apps to make it easier without having to pay with cash. The apps are Alipay and Wechat pay. You can use Alipay or Wechat pay on the Internet to buy furniture, toys and clothes.

For daily life, we use Alipay and Wechat Pay to pay in restaurants, supermarkets and shops. We can get food and drinks by using Alipay so we don't need to keep a lot of cash in our wallets. People transfer the money to the app and use the app to pay in shops. We can use it in gatherings with friends. You can also pay money to your friends. That way you don't have to pay with cash.

When Covid-19 was first discovered, we had to stay home. During that time, China invented an app called "Zoom". Zoom is an app that allows people to communicate. During Covid, teachers would use this app to teach students since they were not able to go to school to learn. Even though students were not able to go to school, this did not affect their learning progress. This app allowed people to communicate when they would not be able to attend outdoor gatherings with their friends during Covid. This helped people not feel bored and feel happy instead. They did not lose their friendships.

The situation of Covid has improved but some of my friends have immigrated to other countries. We can use Zoom to communicate every week so our friendship can last longer. Some of them are in Australia, UK and Canada. We are all in different countries but we can still communicate with each other.

These inventions from China have helped make our lives easier and more convenient. From the past until now, we still use China's inventions. I hope they will continue to make more useful inventions in the future.

Chinese Invention – Sendan

St. Margaret's Coeducational English Secondary and Primary School, Yeung, Wai Yin – 7

A long time ago in China, the people had a lot of inventions.

On a lovely day there was an old lady who wanted to go back to her home but her home was on top of the mountain, she tried to climb up the mountain but she hurt her leg. She saw people on the mountain too, she asked them for help. They thought of many ideas to help her, and at last they thought of carrying the lady, they used things that they found on the mountain. They made something called a sendan to carry her back home.

The use of the sendan is to carry people when there was no cars. A sendan needs at least four people to carry.

In the ancient time, only rich people can use the sendan. The poor people can only walk by their feet.

Thousands years has passed, now people don't use sendan anymore. The sendan is only use for special reasons such as wedding and carnivals.

A Letter from the Future

St. Paul's Co-educational College Primary School, Chan, Yin Hang Ethan – 8

Dear 8-year-old Ethan,

I hope this letter finds you full of wonder and excitement. It is me, your future self at 158 years old. I am writing to you by using an amazing invention called "Time Communicator". Tencent, Chinese technology giant, has just invented a device that allow us to communicate ourselves—in—the—past. I am now trying this ground—breaking technology, which use complicated quantum physics science to send message across time. This is absolutely a revolutionary invention to connect our past and future selves.

You may first question how can I celebrate birthdays for 158 times. In my time, Chinese medical studies in Tsinghua University has made a leaping progress. People visit Chinese medical hubs in their neighbourhood for customized herbal tea. This special tea helps to prevent illnesses and keeps us healthy. It's so effective that it can cure many terrible diseases. People now live up to 300% longer, and we have boundless energy and joy in our lives.

I remember that you love animals and always dream of talking to them. In my time, Chinese manufacturer "XiaoMi" have these remarkable devices called "Ani—language Translators." They can actually understand what animals are saying and translate their thoughts into words. You can communicate with your pet dog, goldfish, or even frog in the pond. When you understand the animal languages, you will find their thoughts are really interesting.

Do you still fancy about exploring the universe? You liked it very much when you were 5. Well, those dreams have become a reality. Amazing Chinese scientists have invented something called "space carriers". These are fast mini-rockets that allow us to go on exciting adventures to different galaxies. I have personally been to Mars, "C-S-S (Chinese space station)" and "Planet Red Flag", a planet recently discovered by a Chinese astronomer. It may sound unbelievable, but it's true!

When you grow up, you will have friends from all around the world. And guess how we meet and spend time with each other? We use the virtual reality helmet developed by Hong Kong Science Park. When we wear this helmet, we can see each other by using mind control. It feels like we are sitting right next to each other even if we're far apart. We can play games, sing song, and share stories as if we are physically together. It's truly an impressive experience.

And here's the best part: we have access to an online National Library at our fingertips. We can learn the latest knowledge and download it directly into our brains using the latest 80G technology from China Telecom. Homework is a thing for kids of the past.

I am incredibly happy to live in this extraordinary future. The world has become a place of endless possibilities, where dreams always come true. The inventions and innovations from China have shaped our lives in unimaginable ways. Every day is an adventure, filled with excitement and joy.

Sending lots of love and excitement from the future,

158-year-old Ethan

The New Element

St. Paul's Co-educational College Primary School, Chen, Sze Ying Sonia – 9

China was head to head with America in the medical field, trying to find a new species or invent something new to be the most developed country, but there was nothing scientists found... until Xiaomei Zhang found a new element. Her brother had complicated diseases, so the family needed special medicine. Luckily, Xiaomei and her mother took part in the Infinity Antibiotics Challenge. Now, I'll tell you the story of how China developed so quickly during that time.

Letting out a sigh, Xiaomei looked up at the towering mountains and imagined the ice forming into little eyes glaring at her. She had been wondering about the grand prize that lay before her, the Infinity antibiotics if she found an undiscovered species. But now, looking up at the mountain, she doubted if she had made the right choice. Her ma, Meier, was more enthusiastic; she had a Beijing hospital tattoo on her arm.

"Xiaomei, dear, cheer up! We'll get a lot of Penadol!" Meier half-sang. "And nose allergy medicine...!"

Xiaomei droned out from her mother's chant and started climbing. Meier followed Xiaomei up the mountain slowly and steadily, but there were still a few shaky moments when she slipped on the ice. Xiaomei's eyelashes froze and she shivered. She tried to focus, but there was a snake of unease crawling around her. Her boots sank half a meter deep in the snow. Suddenly, sparks began flying around their bodies. They were vibrant red and shooting glowing particles out of small orbs. Xiaomei's eyes widened like plates and she gasped.

"Ma!" She yelled. "What's happening?" Meier beamed with excitement. "You know, I think you've discovered a new element!"

Meier was a chemist inspired by Huang Ti and Shen Nung, and had read the Pharmacopoeia. She had also been working on a mysterious, elusive element of the periodic table. Although the new element was not proven to exist, scientists called it Millenniamium.

Xiaomei's fear mixed with her excitement. She would actually get the Infinity Antibiotics! Hope swelled inside her, but a question popped into her mind.

How was she going to retrieve it?

Meier put on chemistry goggles, gloves, and took a phial out of her pack and smoothed it across her skin. She was used to collecting chemicals, so she did it like eating breakfast. The Millenniamium slid into the bottle and fizzled out.

"Great!" Meier exclaimed. "Let's bring it back to the lab, and here comes our prize!"

Back in Meier's lab, Xiaomei poured Millenniamium into a test—tube and called the market. Meier blubbered excitedly when some soap mixed with Millenniamium. The soap absorbed the element and bubbled with a bright golden glow.

"Look! The soap's healing my bruises! I think it needs some astatine in it! It could have the potential to heal cancer!" Meier exclaimed.

Now Xiaomei has grown up. She has become a biomedical doctor and uses Millenniamium to save cancer—suffering patient's lives. As China's representative, Xiaomei led other world doctors to make affordable and effective treatment for cancer.

Little but Great

St. Paul's Co-educational College Primary School, Ng, Wan Chi - 9

"Sigh! Boring old Mr. Binkowski always rambles on and on." I mumbled. I was getting tired of his babbling about the history of paper making. "Who cares about paper? E—books are widely adopted nowadays and I am sure that by the time I am eighteen, paper books will be outdated," I muttered. Gradually, my eyes started getting heavier and my head drooped right onto the table.

Suddenly, I found myself in a village. Single-storey huts with hip and gable roof lined the sidewalks. I looked around in astonishment, "Where has the whole classroom gone? Where am I?" I realized that I had been swept back to... Ancient China! I felt a sinking feeling in my gut. Just then, I spotted a man in Hanfu carrying bundles of bamboo slips. I sprinted to him and asked, "Hey, mister! May I know which Dynasty are we in?" He stared at me in disbelief, "This is Han dynasty under the governance of Emperor He now. By the way, my name is Bong." I glanced at his arms, which were sagging under the tremendous weight of the bamboo slips and thought it best to help him. As the two of us kept walking, I learnt from Bong that we were in the Guiyang province and we were heading to the home of official Cai Lun.

When we got there, I saw a man's face all screwed up in frustration. Bong told me that he was official Cai Lun who had been pondering on the method of paper making for eight years but still in vain. "Paper is bootless, I would prefer e-books..." I murmured. Out of the blue, Cai Lun turned to me and said, "Lad, bamboo slips are too heavy and silk is unaffordable. If paper is invented, reading, writing and learning can spread in China!" Feeling abashed, I suggested assisting official Cai to make the paper.

Cai Lun and I explored around the neighborhood, searching for necessities to make the paper. We attempted to use some rags, fishing nets and hemp but the process was unsuccessful. Both of us frowned in frustration after repeated trials. On the spur of the moment, Mr. Binkowski's words flashed in my mind. "Tree bark!" I bellowed in excitement. Cai Lun gave me a peculiar look. "We just need to add one more critical material – tree bark. That way, paper will be made!" I explained enthusiastically. We repeated the steps again using the bark. Finally, we succeeded! I shivered and goosebumps formed on my skin while I held the world's first paper. We hugged each other in glee!

Abruptly, I found myself back in the classroom, while Mr. Binkowski kept mumbling on. I muttered to myself, "It must be a dream..." However, I realized I was mistaken, as the piece of paper was clutched in my hand! I grinned and wrote "Little things can make great changes to the World". Since then, I found reading a paper book is not so bootless after all...

Moon Base of China

St. Paul's Co-educational College Primary School, Leung, Nga Ching - 8

Baam! My spaceship crashed on the rocky gray land. I could not believe that my footprints were on the dusty lunar soil. Exhilaration flashed in my eyes.

Suddenly, the lights of my spaceship blinked on and off followed by the blast. My exclusive spaceship was ruined! It was the latest spaceship with solar panels on the nose cone manufactured in China. Witnessing the spaceship breaking apart, I buried my face in my hands.

"Hello..." I shouted but there was no response. The silence caused me to fear and shudder. Unexpectedly, someone was approaching me. I widened my eyes. "Who are you?" asked the graceful lady wearing flowing robes of delicate silk and intricate embroidery. She had long silky black hair with jade hair ornaments. I recognized her right away. "You... are Chang'e... The immortal lunar girl in legends!" I stuttered.

She glimpsed my devastated spaceship and said softly, "Somebody might help you." She led me to a magnificent dome. My eyes bugged out. "Is this... a moon base?" I mumbled.

It was the most extraordinarily gigantic construction I had ever seen. This solitary moon base stood alone beyond the dark horizon. Its dome looked like gargantuan Hong Kong Space Museum surrounded by millions solar panels which could generate unlimited renewable energy in outer space.

A few moment later, the gate creaked open with beams of light breaking the darkness. Meanwhile, Chang'e had vanished with a flash of light. "Ni hao, come on in", a Chinese astronaut invited me to the moon base. Exuberance bubbled inside of me while stepping into the vertical entrance tube.

"Welcome to China's Moon Base! This lava tube base is the first international moon base," the astronaut said. I followed him along the tubular walkways. I was honored being welcomed by the holographic 3D imaging of Terracotta Warrior projected along the corridor.

"Kai men!" the astronaut made a Chinese command to open the door. The artificial intelligence system responded to it immediately. Each cabin was equipped with various scientific instruments and research facilities. An ancient spoon—shaped compass and a bronze globe—shaped seismograph were used for selenography.

I was speechless when I stared at a green house where a chubby panda was eating bamboo leaves. "Is it also a holographic 3D image?" I asked. "Of course not, it is a space breeding panda. We are trying to build habitation beyond the Earth," replied the astronaut.

Eventually, we reached the top of the dome. I was struck dumb by the enormous transparent <u>cupola</u>. I peered out the curved window. In the distance, there was a shimmering blue—and—white ball in the inky black sky. With my naked eyes, I could see an impressive golden landmark in the center of the Earth which was the Great Wall of China. I captured this significant moment with my cell phone. Then, I shared the video on Tiktok to inspire others that humanity was capable of space exploration at all times. China's Moon Base was a deeply symbolic step forward in space colonization.

The Contest – A Tale of the Three Great Inventions

St. Paul's Co-educational College Primary School, Sze, Pok Tin - 9

One day, a box of gunpowder and a compass were bragging to each other. They were arguing about who is the greatest invention of China.

"I am the greatest! I help ships to navigate," the compass bragged. "Without me, the people in the ship will get lost, they may even die!"

The box of gunpowder shook his head and disagreed. "No, I am greater than you!" he said arrogantly. "In wars, I help our army to blast fires!" Then, he poured some of his powder into his gun, a large fireball blasted out and hit a tall building. "See?" he said. "Who can do this better than me?"

Just then, a small humble piece of paper passed by. "Look at that poor piece of paper! He is light, thin and boring," they laughed at him. "How can he do anything for this world? Hahaha!"

However, that piece of paper did not feel embarrassed. He calmly walked over to them and grinned. "You two are so wrong. I did a lot for this world, more than you can imagine!" he announced, as he took a pencil out of his pocket and started writing. "People use me to record knowledge. Then, we become books and read by people all over the world. Without me, knowledge cannot be spread!" he said proudly. "People need me to write letters and make greeting cards, sending love to others. People also need me to draw beautiful pictures and print photos on. I help them to record their beautiful memories. Also, I can turn into paper money to help them pay for their necessities. Who else can do so much for this world like me?"

Unfortunately, the box of gunpowder and the compass still refused to admit that paper is a greater invention, so they fought back, "But now we have electronic books, and we don't need to print photos anymore. We can also use electronic payments instead of paper money. The world does not need you anymore! Hahahaha!!!"

Finally, the piece of paper cleared his throat and asked the compass, "Now look at yourself. Can you help the ships find their way only by yourself?"

"No, but I have my partner, the map!"

"And what is the map made of?"

"Um... paper? Oh! It's you!"

Then, the piece of paper turned to the box of gunpowder. "Where do you live? What are your packing?"

"A plastic bag and a box."

"And what is the box made of?"

"Um...um...p...paper? Oh, it's you again!!!"

The piece of paper's words left the two arrogant friends speechless. "Fine, you won the contest!" they finally admitted sadly.

"I won! I won! Yay!" shouted the piece of paper happily. In a blink of an eye, he folded himself and became a paper plane, flying high into the sky. The compass and the box of gunpowder were red—faced and learnt a lesson—never look down on others.

Firework Football

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Birt, Senna Steve – 8

China is known for lots of inventions. The best is fireworks. My favourite game is football. I invented a new game called Firework Football. It's the same as football, but everything you do is like fireworks.

Firework football is a sport where you kick a ball with your legs. There are two goals on the football pitch. Each team has eleven players. Ten players play with their legs, one player plays with his legs and arms. Each team has one manager. The manager is the head of the team. You have to kick the ball between the other team's goalpost to score a point (called a goal). Who gets the most goals wins the game and a bag of fireworks at the end.

Now the game is about to start! Ronaldo, the best player in the world, is in one team, and he passes to his teammates. They pass the ball closer and closer to the other team's goal. Ronaldo raises his right foot to shoot, like making a fire. BOOM!!! His foot hits the ball, and it shoots into the sky, fire glowing behind the ball, sparking colours moving towards the top corner of the goal! And it's in, it's a GOOOAAALL!!!

The losing team picks up the smoking ball and puts it in the starting spot. The ball sits on the starting spot, waiting to be kicked into the sky like a rocket once again.

The Famous Bridge Noodles

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Chan, Tze Kiu Melanie – 9

Crossing—the—Bridge Noodles is a famous rice noodle dish that originated in Yunnan, China. This dish is served with a big bowl of steaming broth. The soup is made of pork bone, chicken, and seasoning, which includes Chinese star anise and ginger. Some of us wonder, what the backstory is of this popular dish? It all began with a hungry scholar and his caring wife.

Many years ago, there was a young and clever man named Po Ling. Po Ling wanted to take the Imperial Exam, so he lived and studied on an island alone to help him focus. The only way to get there was to cross a bridge from Po Ling's house. However, there was one problem; he was a foodie and he was afraid that he would not be able to enjoy good food. "Don't worry, I will cook you scrumptious meals as if you were eating at home," his wife, Ping, comforted. So every day, Ping would cross the long wooden bridge to the island to bring Po Ling food.

One day, Ping brought Po Ling's favourite rice noodles to the island for his lunch. As soon as he took a bite, he spat it out and shouted, "Wife! Why are the noodles soggy, and the soup cold?"

"What? How could that be? I cooked it freshly, and it was still boiling hot when I finished making it!" Ping replied. She went home to think of a plan.

The very next day, Ping had an idea. She put added a layer of chicken fat to insulate the soup and make it stay warm for longer. Then she put the soup ingredients on a plate, including raw vegetables and lightly cooked meat. Finally she loaded a large earthen pot with broth and a layer of oil on top. The noodles were put into a separate container.

After that, she crossed the bridge towards the island. Ping went into the small hut where Po Ling was studying. She said cheerfully, "Husband, look what I've got here!" She put down the food and began to mix it all into a large bowl. She put a pair of chopsticks on the bowl and passed it to Po Ling. Slowly, Po Ling started to eat.

"Oh my," he remarked, "the soup is warm, and the noodles have texture!" Hearing the compliment, Ping beamed. Every day, Po Ling looked forward to the bowl of noodles brought by Ping, which lit up his mundane days.

After two years of preparation, Po Ling managed to pass the Imperial Exam and became a champion scholar. When he returned home, he could not wait to thank Ping. "Wife, thank you for crossing the bridge every day to bring me food. I wouldn't have made it without you!" Po Ling held Ping's hand tightly and gazed into her eyes full of appreciation.

Their story spread, and people started to imitate Ping's way of preparing the noodles. They then named this dish "Crossing—the—Bridge Noodles." It is still popular up to this day.

The Fully Automatic Cooking Robot

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Chen, Ye Shun – 8

I am Ye Shun, and I want to introduce you to my parents' amazing new invention. This special invention can be found in the kitchen of my parents' beautiful restaurant. It is a cooking robot, and it is fully automated!

When a customer orders a specific dish on the iPad, it sends the order to the cooking robot in the automated kitchen. The robot gets the specific ingredients for the ordered dish from the big fridge beside it. All the ingredients are prepared already in the morning and placed in small bowls. Once the order is received, the small bowls filled with the ingredients are then transferred automatically to a cooking pot next to the robotic arm and belt.

The cooking pot is then automatically heated until it reaches a hot temperature of about 200 degrees. Once the cooking pot is heated, the intelligent robot injects the cooking oil and then gently places the ingredients in the small bowls into the pot at specific temperatures and sequences. Everything in the pot gets heated, and the pot then starts to spin clockwise or counter—clockwise. Like cooking at home, the dish is slowly prepared while the delicious smell fills the kitchen.

Depending on the ordered dish, after its cooking time, the pot stops spinning, and a clean dish is automatically placed in front of the cooking pot. The cooking robot pours out the cooked food onto the clean dish. The cooking times, temperatures, and ingredients are different for different dishes.

The ordered dish is completed with a mouthwatering taste, but the robot still has a last task to complete before it is fully done.

The robot pours water into the cooking pot and cleans it automatically with a very strong hot water spray while the pot is spinning. This takes one or two minutes. Once the pot has been cleaned, it is placed aside for drying and is ready for the next order. All these steps are carried out automatically without any human intervention.

At last, the cooking robot has finally completed all its tasks and is ready for the next order. The foods cooked by my parents' fully automated cooking robot are very delicious, and the customers who eat them all like the dishes.

I am very proud of my parents' new invention because it can help their restaurant and provide good quality food to their customers. All the cooking robots are made in Hong Kong! I hope my parents can invent many different useful inventions in the future, like artificial intelligence.

Plus, Prof. Chan's is the name of my parents' restaurant. You can go to my parents' restaurant, Prof. Chan's. Also, my parents are opening another restaurant in the United States of America in May this year. It will be in New York City. You are welcome to visit it and taste the delicious foods made by my parents' fully automatic cooking robot!

The Magic Green Tree

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Cheung, Yat Lun Aiden - 6

I live in Beijing, a bustling and hustling city with an infusion of over 3000—year history and modern skyscrapers. My father is a bioengineer working in Zhongguancun Life Science Park, a birthplace of many innovative ideas and companies. Despite of his unconditional love for me, he seldom plays with me – he's been way too busy with his research and experiments.

One evening, he came home earlier than usual, brimming with a glow of joy and excitement, and brought with him a tree, like an emerald canopy.

"Aiden, come on, let me introduce Daphne!"

"Daphne? It doesn't look like a Laurel Tree."

"Right, it's not the one in Greek mythology, but it is magical! It is genetically modified Ginkgo Biloba tree, native to China and famous for its resilience."

My father, fervently adoring Chinese history and culture and its illustrious past, always teaches me the golden memories of China's great inventions. He himself has been embracing a burning desire to contribute to the world in a way that would mirror the glory of his ancestors.

He is also constantly reminiscent of his good old days with clear skies and clean air. He usually frowns at the worsening situation of air pollution and the choking grey haze. He always tells me that we can't just stand by and watch the city suffocate, but should invent and make a change, just as the great ancestors in Chinese history.

"Aiden, can you spot the magic of the tree?" my father's question dragged me out of the thoughts and memories.

"Hmm, I don't know, but the leaves are so radiantly green, sparkling like precious jade stones, such a sharp contrast to the grey and smoky air".

"The real magic lies in its power of absorbing and breaking down pollutants in the air with the engineered nanostructures and enhanced photosynthesis!" thrilled my father, "it purifies the air at an extraordinary rate, and needs no electric energy or filter, which makes it a sustainable solution and far superior to ordinary air—purifiers as it saves the energy and protects the environment."

Gazing at Daphne's shimmering leaves, I know that his days and nights of hard work has finally paid off – the birth of Daphne is a testament to the indomitable spirit of mankind and a symbol of my father's unwavering commitment to the city and its people.

I took a deep breath and, for the first time, I felt the freshness and sweetness of the air, and instantly, I knew the future would to be green, just like the leaves of Daphne.

A Day in a Life of a Chopstick

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Chiu, Hailey – 6

My name is Hailey. I am a chopstick living a in normal household in Hong Kong. I am going to share with you my adventures.

I am one of many chopsticks living together in this lovely kitchen. Every day, I team up with another chopstick to enjoy the food served for breakfast, lunch and dinner. My favourite partner is Katy because we both enjoy tangled up merrily in a bowl of spicy noodles. After each meal, we usually take a hot bath together in the kitchen as if we are in a hot springs. There are more than 20 chopsticks living with us in the kitchen. We all look quite similar but we are actually quite different, each with our own character and ambition. But I guess not even our owner can tell without looking carefully.

I am the youngest chopstick in the group, and I am still learning something new every day in our classes. Today, my history teacher told us we were invented around 5000 years ago in China. In the early years, chopsticks were made of bamboo, wood and even metal like sliver.

A Chinese philosopher, Confucius, believed that no sharp utensils should be used on the dining table because it will remind eaters of violence and war. I think that is why we have become quite popular in East Asian countries like Japan, China and Korea.

My favourite subject in school is computer class because I really want to be a smart chopstick one day. My teacher told me that smart chopsticks can now sense and warn the users if the food is too hot or contains dangerous substances. I read in the newspaper that smart chopsticks in Japan can now add flavours to the food using an electric current and programming, making the food healthier!

My ambition is to become a chopstick who can talk, interact and help the users, especially lonely elderly people, just like "Siri"! Katy, my best friend, wants to become a doctor to help people to detect symptoms before it's too late during their meal. I think we can make a good team because we both love talking to each other while helping others!

But for now, me, Katy and my chopsticks friends are all going to dress up and get prepared for the delicious hot pot tonight in this wonderful kitchen.

Serendipity

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Ho, Hin Yeung Austin – 8

Yan boarded the ship with his father, Song, ready to sail across the vast ocean. Holding a rusty map in his hands, one dotted with sites of treasures along the Silk Route, Yan was excited for their adventure.

It was the 3rd century BC, and Song was a trader who needed to ferry his china to Europe. The plates, cups, bowls and vases were stacked high on the deck, making clanking noises as the ship bobbed over the waves beneath.

After a few hours at sea, thick, smoky clouds appeared. Rain began to pour furiously, and monstrous waves crashed like charging horses onto the ship. The merciless wind took down *everything* in its path.

Chaos, mess and despair ensued. "What are we going to do?" wailed Yan as his map got blown away. Soon enough, they found themselves stranded on a derelict island.

"Let me find some fish for dinner," said Yan as he tried to be helpful.

They made a warm fire with logs and gathered the last remaining plates and cutlery that stayed intact from the storm. As they pondered what to do next, they felt utterly hopeless.

"DONG" dropped the spoon Yan was holding as he drifted into a cloud of thought. As it fell onto a metal plate, Yan picked up a little stone nearby and weighed the spoon down with it. Suddenly, the spoon began to spin! Intrigued, Yan repeated the step and found that the spoon handle ALWAYS pointed in the same direction.

"Look! I discovered magic!" yelled Yan in utter amazement.

Song ambled over and tried it out for himself. "Son, I think this might just save us! It looks like it's a navigational tool that could replace our lost map!" said Song as a wave of excitement rippled through his body. "It must mean that the stone has some sort of magnetic quality that aligns with the Earth's magnetic field. Now, as we set off south from our home, that means... we can figure out our direction back!"

As they eagerly reboarded their ship, Song shared the many ways people had relied on to find directions. "Sailors used familiar landmarks; Polynesians looked at waves and wind; Greeks and Italians developed maps based on memory and experience; and Vikings even studied birds. But son, what you discovered could be revolutionary!"

"But why, father?" questioned Yan.

"That's because the other methods aren't very accurate, and if you ever encountered an overcast sky or fog, or if there were no birds around you, let alone a storm, you'd be in trouble!" explained his father.

An hour or so later, they finally arrived back in familiar waters. As they disembarked the ship, they headed straight to a gemologist who explained that the stone was known as lodestone, a rare, naturally occurring magnet.

And just like that, a disaster turned into a discovery as Yan and Song accidentally invented the world's first compass.

Old Chinese Inventions

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Kwan, Stacey Renee – 8

A long time ago, in China, many people knew that paper and gunpowder were invented in ancient China. However, many people didn't know that there were many other things we use today, such as fish and chips to burgers. Everybody tried using economic systems to find out what we use today in other countries, but nothing seemed to work. They did invent their first—ever paper money more than a 1000 years ago. Their compass was developed over many centuries.

An even better fact is that 24 centuries ago, people in China found natural gas and bamboo pipes and used them to pipe it to villages, creating a sort of energy distribution system many people think of as a beautiful, modern invention. China also invented toilet paper made of bamboo, which was also very weird. It happened several centuries after toilets even appeared.

While gunpowder was used for peaceful purposes, such as the creation of beautiful and loud fireworks, they even developed missiles too!

But Chinese creativity is not a thing of the past.Video—sharing websites are mostly copying China's. TikTok and social media, but the social media platforms are copying WeChat, and China has become the world leader in making solar panels, planting new forests, creating electric cars, and many other inventions.

I want to improve China's inventions by telling their government to help China's improvement and the country's state.

I think it was an adventure to write this story about China and also understanding their country. I would love to go there someday and explore this place.

Tim's Adventure to Green Inventions

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lai, Jonathan – 8

One day, Tim was playing cards with his dad and mom after dinner when the doorbell rang. When Tim went to open the door, he was excited that the action figure he ordered had arrived. But he was saddened to see that it was wrapped in a lot of packaging because he knew it would go to waste, harming their planet. He also thought of all the pollution that humans had created to deliver the toy, and how the Earth would soon be uninhabitable. It all made him very sad.

That night after he went to bed and was curling up under the covers, Tim heard a voice: "Why do you look so sad, little boy?" Tim turned around and saw a man. "Who are you?" Tim couldn't help but ask. "My name is Dave," said the man. "What do you want?" Tim asked. "To know why you look so sad," said Dave. "Because I think that all the pollution that humans are creating will destroy planet Earth." Tim said. "Well, maybe we can find out how Earth will turn out in the future." said Dave. "How?!" Tim asked excitedly. "By travelling in time." said Dave. "Come with me!"

So, Tim went with Dave and they travelled forward in time by a hundred years. There, they saw a man who had just received a package and was opening it. But, weirdly, when he was done opening it, all he did was drip a drop of orange liquid on the packaging and it dissolved! "Is that a new invention?" Tim asked Dave. "Yes, a scientist just invented it a few years ago." said Dave. "That's good, but there's still air pollution created by the trucks delivering these goods." said Tim. "Well, come with me and let's see some more inventions!" said Dave.

So, they travelled forward another hundred years in time. When they arrived, they saw that everyone had a machine that looked like a box in their houses or shops. "How does that machine work?" asked Tim "When people order something, the shop owner puts the item in their box, and the box will break the item down into tiny little particles, and send the particles into the customer's box, where the particles will then reassemble back into the item ordered," Dave explained. "Wow! I think that invention is very cool! This way, there won't be any more air pollution. I can't wait for this invention to exist, but how will I get back home now?" asked Tim. So, Dave took Tim home and said, "Now you don't have to worry, little boy. Everything will be fine in the future," before tucking Tim back into bed. But weirdly, as Tim was about to thank Dave, he started to hear his mom's voice, trying to wake him up. Was it all a dream? Tim wondered...

Clean Teeth

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lau, Chloe On Yin – 9

On the call of the Tooth Fairy Queen, I rushed into the queen's room and asked, "Is there something I can do for you, Your Majesty?"

The Fairy Queen smiled and said, "Yes, Twinkle, I want you to go to China and investigate why the children there seldom smile." With that, I set off.

China was a very distant place to fly to, and it was already midnight when I got there. I was so exhausted that I drifted off in a bamboo forest nearby. Suddenly, I was awoken by a splash of water.

"What's that?" I shouted. When I opened my eyes, it was actually a baby panda licking me!

"It was the first time that I have seen a fairy!" exclaimed the Panda.

"My name is Twinkle; I am a Tooth Fairy. Nice to meet you."

"Why are you here?" asked the Panda.

"I am here to find out why people here seldom smile." I explained.

"Let me show you why, follow me." said the Panda.

It was dawn. We snuck into a house through the window when suddenly a boy got up. He looked into the mirror and was so embarrassed to show his teeth. Then he went straight to school without cleaning them. Checking from house to house, we found that every child did the same, and they indeed did not have anything to clean their teeth. All of them had cavities, and we believed that was the reason hindering the children from smiling happily.

Before sunset, we went back to the bamboo forest, and I started to think about how I could help them. When the panda held a bamboo in its mouth, an idea hit me, and I asked, "Baby Panda, I was wondering if you could do me a favour and give me some of your hair to help the children smile again?"

With the help of the panda, I used the smooth bamboo and the soft panda hair to make a brush that was small enough to clean the teeth. We made all the brushes and delivered them to every child in the village before sunrise. When I put the brushes under the pillows their pillows, I cast a special Tooth Fairy spell to cure their cavities. I also whispered in their ears so that they would know how to make and use the brushes in their dreams.

"My mission was complete. I have to go and report to the Queen. Thanks, Baby Panda, I am glad that I had you in my journey," I said.

"You're welcome, Twinkle. Take care, and I hope we will meet again! Just one more thing, what would you name your invention?" Baby Panda asked. "Hmm... A toothbrush!" I said, with a big smile.

From then on, the kids in China started to make brushes on their own, and they were overwhelmed with job about the fact that they regained their long—lost smiles.

New Tales of China's Inventions: Dumplings

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lau, Tsz Nam Jade – 8

It was Winter Solstice, a time when Chinese families gather and celebrate the start of winter. I was in my fluffy long—sleeved pajamas, busy preparing dumplings under my mother's guidance. We were having a hectic afternoon because we had to prepare dumplings for our relatives. While I was wrapping the diced vegetables and pork in the dumpling wrappers, my mother started explaining to me how dumplings were invented. Although I was keen to learn more about the origin of my favourite food, my eyes became heavier and heavier......

When I came back to consciousness, I found myself standing in the middle of an old-fashioned village in China. It was extremely chilly, and my fluffy pajamas could no longer keep me warm. I saw a man returning to the village with bags of heavy belongings. I hurriedly ran over and asked him, 'Excuse me, sir, may I ask which year we are in?' The man stared at me in confusion as he replied, 'We are in the Eastern Han Dynasty.' I was completely shocked; I could not believe I had travelled 2,225 years back in time!

On our way back to the man's home, I learnt a lot about him through our conversation. His name was Zhang Zhongjing, and he was a Chinese pharmacologist. Not only was Zhang wise and knowledgeable, but he was also very generous. We were astonished to discover that many poor peasants could not manage the harsh cold. Saddened by their pitiful situations, Zhang said to me, 'We must figure out how to help them!'

After returning home, Zhang asked me to get a big pot for him. He made use of his knowledge in Chinese medicine to gather some herbs. Next, he prepared some lamb and black pepper. We minced and diced them before wrapping them in thin dough. I turned them into different shapes, rose, UFO, stick, etc., but Zhang taught me the ear shape was the most efficient way to boil them well and the villagers could get them as soon as possible. I felt shamed and sorry, and we went out with the pot of boiled dumplings and distributed them to the villagers without further delay.

'This is the most delicious food.' 'I've ever had in my life!' 'We are no longer starving and freezing!' The villagers appreciated our effort, everyone expressed their gratitude towards us. Zhang and I were overjoyed that our newly invented food could keep the people warm and full. I whole—heartedly admired Zhang for his wisdom and kindness. I promised myself that I would learn from him as my role model, and always help others with all my abilities.

'JADE! Wake up! We must hurry up! Our relatives are arriving in 35 minutes for dumplings,' exclaimed my mother impatiently. That was when I realized I had fallen asleep. After learning about the origin of dumplings from my dream, I was very motivated to wrap the dumplings since they symbolize the Chinese virtues of benevolence and intelligence.

Flying Chinese Inventions at Tiangong

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lee, Yee Tak Caitlin – 6

Once upon a time in New Stone Age of China, Silk came to birth. Silk said happily, "I want to know about Chinese inventions!"

A farmer came out of his house. He said gently, "I am Farmer Keung. I can help you, little Silk."

"Thank you, Farmer Keung," replied Silk.

In the blink of an eye, they went to the future. First, they arrived at the Shang Dynasty where they met Porcelain.

Porcelain said, "Nice to meet you guys. My name is Porcelain. What's your name?"

"My name is Silk and he is Farmer Keung," said Silk excitedly. "Where did you come from?"

"I came from China," said Porcelain. "I'm made from clay. What are you made from?"

"I'm natural fiber made from silkworm cocoon and I'm used to make clothes and carpets, also used for painting and printing," said Silk. "What are you used for?"

"I'm used to make cups, bowls and plates, also used to make sculptures and vases with beautiful patterns," explained Porcelain with a smile.

Silk said, "Can I put some flowers in the porcelain vase?" Porcelain said, "Yes, sure."

Silk said excitedly "Follow us to find out more about Chinese inventions!"

They decided to travel to Lu State in the Warring States Period where they met Kite.

Kite said, "Hi, nice to meet you. I'm Kite. What's your name?"

"I'm Porcelain and they're Silk and Farmer Keung," said Porcelain. "What's your job?"

"People made use of me to signal military troops to send a message. I can also be used to entertain adults and children," said Kite.

"You are wonderful! Follow us!" said Porcelain.

"Thank you for allowing me to join you," said Kite.

They arrived at the Han Dynasty where they met Paper.

"My name is Paper, made by rags and other plant fibers," said Paper.

Kite said, "Come and join our adventure, Paper."

Paper followed them.

They went to the Tang Dynasty. "Tang is such a prosperous dynasty," exclaimed Porcelain.

They went to drink at a teahouse and saw some people reading poetry books. All of the words were printed with the woodblock printing.

Next, they arrived at the Song Dynasty. Farmer Keung disappeared suddenly. Luckily they met Compass who was used for navigation. So, Compass led the others to find Farmer Keung with his magical power.

After flying for one day, they found Farmer Keung at Tiangong Station!

Farmer announced, "Well done, kids! You have successfully discovered the Chinese inventions and found out my exact location. As a reward, I'll turn you all into little magical fairies! I also want you to tour Tiangong with me."

"This Tiangong Space Station was constructed by the Chinese in 2021. It is a base for space experiments and future inventions," introduced Farmer Keung.

They were so surprised that they had travelled through 5,000 years! All were so happy for learning so much about Chinese inventions over the period. They decided to stay at Tiangong and looked forward to more new Chinese inventions in future.

The Future of Chinese Inventions

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lo, Shao Xuan Emerson – 8

In the future, think about inventions that were made a long time ago, from year 0001 to 100001 or even more. What would China make now?

Imagine a thousand years later, China would have made a robot triceratops, an ice cream robot, and a lot more. In my imaginative way, I think China would be able to make at least 1000 inventions already, like when China made the first paper money in the world! And that was 1000 years ago.

Imagine, you know how to read the future of inventions, and you saw a bubble gum machine, an unbreakable fist, and a giant phone.

I imagine myself going into the future and seeing a thousand people working on new projects. Bang, bang, bang, they banged their tools on the project. Then I saw a place where people were putting delicious stuff in a cup, there was boba lychee, frozen yogurt, and a lot more yummy stuff inside. After going into that room, I went into another room. It was massive! There was a door that was different from the others, but then somebody came, so I went home and woke up; it was an adventure. Now you know all about inventions in China.

New Tales of China's Inventions

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lo, Si Nga Charlotte – 8

It's one of those days again. People are warned not to leave their homes and stay indoors for seven days because of the dirty, yellowish smog in the city. More people are choking and coughing badly, and it appears to be getting worse recently. The public realizes this is becoming part of their everyday life, but they still feel disappointed and annoyed. When is it going to get better?

Stefanie is becoming impatient and desperate. The first time she travelled abroad from Beijing was to Stockholm, Sweden, to listen to Greta Thunberg, the inspiring climate activist. Since then, Stefanie has made up her mind. She can't stand to ignore the air pollution problem anymore. She wants to act!

Stefanie started the *Save the World Club* at school to educate how intense and urgent this problem is to be solved. She also decided to talk to her mom, who is a committed social scientist, and asks for help. They meet with some researchers to understand more and want to get involved. It turns out there is some good news! The government is building an invention to solve this huge air pollution problem!

The invention is a handy bottle that comes with an action button. People can press the button, and 'Anti-Pollution Powder' will shoot out of the 'Decreaser Hose'. The powder is mint green in color and odourless. It will create a protective bubble that surrounds people's bodies, and they are then safe to go outdoors. The powder will also reduce the pollutants in the air.

The Chinese scientist who created this invention is amazed and impressed by how Stefanie cares about the world. The scientist offers her the opportunity to name the invention. After much thought, Stefanie names the invention the "Pollution Decreaser 2000"! How cool is that?

New Tales of China's Inventions

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Loo, Sum Yue Naomi – 8

I think what would be good for our future inventions is to invent a robotic pan that can cook and turn into a tent by itself.

You just have to put food in the pan and it will heat up by itself. It will cook whatever you want but you must type down the meal you want it to cook. This pan can also turn leftover food into a new meal. The pan also has little dispensers to put different seasonings like salt and pepper or soy sauce. It can turn into any type of cooking utensil too when you say so, for example if you need to cook Chinese food it can transform into a wok.

This is also a very magical pan because it can turn into a tent when you say, 'tent time'. I want it to become a tent and nothing else because I like to go camping. Camping is becoming "trendy" among Chinese citizens and tourists over recent years as more young Chinese want to be in nature and escape from city life. This invention will be a useful gadget for anyone who likes camping because right after it cooks, you can open up the tent and eat inside it. Another good thing is that if you use normal tents, you must open and close it yourself which I think is quite annoying but if you use this pan—tent, you will not have to do any of that stuff!

Another one of its features is that it knows how to entertain you in a very funny way or by talking in a hilarious way to make you laugh while it cooks so you will not get bored.

I think this will be a good invention because if you go on camping trips, this will help you bring less stuff.

If this gadget really gets invented and manufactured, I hope this can help many kinds of people and families who like camping in China.

The Prank

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Mok, Long Fung Noah Wilson – 9

"What have you done?" screamed mum as loud as thunder. I quickly hid under the dusty sofa in the living room. I knew why Mum was irritated, I had pranked her earlier that day. I made a video and put it on TikTok. Now she was as angry as a lion.

I had found some voice—activated stickers at the market and decided I was going to use them to prank mum. My idea was to stick a sticker on the side of a box of tissues and tell her they were voice activated.

Earlier that day, "Mum," I shouted loudly. "The delivery man, the one as tall as a giraffe, came and gave us a box of nice, voice—activated tissues!"

"Really?" asked Mum, confused.

"Yes!" I confirmed firmly. "It even has a red, fancy sticker on it!" Mum rapidly rushed to the box of tissues. "Feast your eyeballs!" I said.

"Woo hoo!" Shouted Mum crazily, like she had been cursed by a witch. "A new invention! We're famous!". She was ecstatic when she saw the new, brilliant stuff.

Mum went to the toilet on purpose. What was she up to? "Pssst! Pssst! Mum? Is that you? No answer."

Shaaaa! "Give me a tissue." Said mom. No tissue. "Please give me a tissue." No tissue still. "Give me a tissue now!" she said, as angry as a hungry tiger. I rapidly ran to her big, blue bedroom and grabbed her phone. I knew her password because I had peeked a few times already. It was a piece of cake to unlock her password. I ran out of the bedroom quickly and went back to the toilet.

CRRREAK! I quietly opened the toilet door. Mum was still marvelously mad. I quickly charged mum's phone. Tick, tock, tick, tock. Ten minutes passed. I pressed the "video" button, then pressed the "record" button. Mum's face was green like she wanted to vomit. I pressed the "pause" button, trying not to laugh. Next I pressed the "TikTok" button and uploaded the video. After that, I rapidly ran with mum's phone, as fast as wind, into the big backyard to hide.

Come on! I thought, please, God, don't let her see me! However, I found out mum could see me from the toilet, so I rushed back to the living room.

Disaster! A few seconds later, Mum's friends were sending her messages like "Why are you talking to a box of tissues?" "Why did you have a green face?" and "are you crazy?" I put down her phone to get in less trouble. Aw, man! I wish I hadn't done all the bad stuff! And that was why I had to hide from her. Sssshhh! Don't tell her that I pranked her!

Omelette Oopsie

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Mok, Moses – 8

It was a disaster! I can't believe that everyone saw my terrible cooking video on TikTok.

Yesterday, I made my first ever cooking video to share with my family and friends. I was making a vegetable omelette and everything seemed to go wrong from the moment I pressed record.

First, as I cracked the egg into a bowl, some of the shell fell in with it. I tried to take them out – but I couldn't get all of them out of the egg mixture.

Second, I started to prepare the vegetables. After I finished washing them, I forgot to turn off the tap. The plug was in the sink and it turned into a giant fish tank.

Next, as I started to chop the onions, the juice got into my eyes and I started weeping. As I couldn't see clearly, I accidentally nudged the stack of plates at the corner of the table. CRASHHHHHH! The plates all fell on the floor! "This doesn't seem right," I moaned. Once I could see clearly again, I finally figured out that I had broken mom's favourite plate. I got myself in trouble!

Then I was feeling a little bit hot, so I turned on the fan. The vegetables started shaking and went flying all over the floor. As I went to pick them up, I slipped on a piece of onion and fell on my bottom. I cleaned it up and decided to make a plain omelette instead of adding vegetables.

Finally, as I was flipping the omelette during cooking, it went flying out of the pan and onto my pet dog's head. It started running and knocked over a jar of chocolate sauce, spreading the gooey brown sauce all over the floor. "Ohhhh nooooo!" I shouted.

That was it! The video was terrible and I decided to delete it, but in the last moment I accidentally knocked a bottle of soy sauce with my elbow. It hit my phone and knocked it to the floor. Just then, the dog came running by and hit the upload button. Now, everyone knows that I am an awful cook!

I reviewed the video and I was very unhappy. I asked TikTok whether I could permanently delete the video, but I did not receive a response from the customer service team.

So I started cooking all over again. First I flipped the egg and it worked perfectly. Then I added lots of rice inside the frying pan. "Beep! Beep! Beep!", there was a strange noise. The beeping sound reminded me to revisit my recipe. When I reviewed the recipe... I found out that the rice was not supposed to be cooked in the frying pan! It was supposed to be in the rice cooker. I quickly transported the rice into the rice cooker.

Suddenly a voice sounded, "Recording Finished." It was TikTok – it was on the whole time and I didn't know!

China's Future Inventions

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Ng, Pak To Jan – 8

In the future, I think we can improve a lot of technology and Chinese inventions like tea sets and paper.

We can improve tea sets with automatic pots that can boil the tea by themselves and even increase the number of flavours of the tea. We can add flavours like mango hot tea, strawberry tea, and even banana hot tea.

And then, we can improve on paper too. We can make the paper both sides white and bigger or smaller. We can even make it as hard as cardboard so that even if we use a brush tip marker, the other side of the paper won't get ugly, and we can reuse the other side of the paper. Because paper is made of trees, and trees give us oxygen to breathe, it means that if we use a lot of paper, we kill a lot of trees.

Even more, in the 25th century, China improved on technology a lot. They invented iPhones, iPads, and even developed missiles too. There is even TikTok, WeChat, WhatsApp, and YouTube too.

I think if we can improve more, we can add robots to serve food, robots to cook too.

And a fun fact is that China is the leader in solar panels.

Now we can improve a lot on Earth.

Dog Trainer

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Poon, Shun-yi Nicholas – 8

I Am The Coach

Hello! My name is Mr. P. I am a soccer coach for China!

And instead of teaching in a normal way and screaming: "Run faster! Even dogs can run faster than you!" I made an invention called the "Dog—Trainer". This invention is as smart as an AI computer! The "Dog—player" is an AI robot, its body is a dog which means it can run very fast with the soccer ball. It can dribble over people easily, shoot the ball with good power, and is a very smart and good trainer.

Training Day

Training Day starts for the China Soccer team.

First practice is to make the team run superbly fast! I ask Dog—Trainer to jog with the team daily, and while most know how to run fast, they did not know the "trick" to run *superbly* fast. And now they do!

Second practice is to make the team dribble past opponents in a blink of an eye. I ask Dog-Trainer to show everybody the skill on how to do it accurately with lightning speed.

Third practice is to make the team score goals with great power. After Dog—Trainer shows the skill, I ask Dog—Trainer to become the goal—keeper and whoever cannot score all 5 penalty shootouts, I will let them shoot another 5 penalties until they improve.

Finally, it is important to have an agile goal-keeper! I ask Dog-Trainer to show players how to be agile.

.... and this continues daily until....

Match Day

After months of practice comes the real match – The team did really well and went into the FIFA World Cup Quarter—Final. And needless to say, any match at this point onwards will be very difficult as any teams left are not only the best teams, but are also playing at their best condition. Dog—Trainer knows this and decided to use some tricks.

Quarter—Final match is to play against the Brazilian team: Dog—Trainer wiped some Bone smell onto the soccer ball. This made the Brazilians feels yucky & do not want to get close to the ball. On the other hand, the China team is very used to it because they have been training with that smell for months. At the end, China team won 1–0! (Little bit of cheating...hehehe)

Semi-Final match is to play against the Japanese team: This time the Dog-Trainer reads the Japanese team mind. He screams out secret words like "Chop-chop", "Lollipop", "Ice-Cream", "Corn" & "Fish" which means "Left", "Right", "Big Power", "Medium power" & "Small power") so the China goal-keeper can catch all the shooting and throw it back to the China team to strike at fast speed! At the end, China team won 3-0!

And finally you would never be able to guess the most powerful trick dogs can do!!! The answer is they can be best friends of humans!

In the final match against Germany – they surrendered and China won!

Why did they surrender? Because Dog-Trainer brought his best friends – Messi, Ronaldo(s), Salah, Beckham, Pele, almost all the super stars

ring ring* ****ring ring**** (alarm clock ringing)

Mommy: Wake up time!

Me: Oh no, is that just a dream??? I don't want to wake up please....

Xi Wang

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, So, Hailey – 8

I wandered through a small village in Yán'ān, Shaanxi province. It was burning hot and the sun shone brightly. Sweating peasants worked hard in the field, rigging the soil and scattering seeds.

I had been exploring the village for some time. I was researching the origin and development of Chinese paper cutting (jiǎn zhǐ), which was invented in China and blossomed in Yán'ān.

"Snip... Snip! Snip!" I followed the intriguing sounds and saw an old woman in a brown, ragged blouse cutting paper under the shades of a tree. Curiously, I sat beside her and observed. She was short with a hunched back and had a wrinkled, tanned face and grey hair tied in a bun. The old lady had a pair of silver scissors in her right hand. Her wrinkly but dexterous fingers twirled as she snipped away at a piece of red paper intuitively. It was as though she were in a trance. Little pieces of paper fell to the ground and danced together in the wind. They flew away happily to another world.

For a long time, neither of us spoke. Thousands of questions bubbled in my head. Finally, I could not contain myself and asked, "Excuse me madam, what are you cutting?"

The woman did not answer. When she was finished, she handed me a red, flimsy paper in the shape of an apple with a little girl in the middle and her parents by her side. On the very top, the leaves said *he xie* ("harmony" in Chinese). It was very delicate, with lots of intricate patterns. I was mesmerised by her artworks in her bamboo basket, and asked inquisitively, "Your works seem to be mostly symmetrical. Why?"

"Strym...metrical?" The old woman frowned.

"Symmetrical. It means both sides are identical." The woman was confused, "Why? Everything in the world is like that."

"How much is this?" I asked after a while. The woman looked surprised and kept on cutting paper. This time, she was cutting a pear shape with a boy and a girl staring at the sun together with the leaves saying *xi wang* ("hope" in Chinese) on top. They were surrounded by little birds, vines and fruit.

She handed me the delicate paper and remarked, "I didn't intend to make money out of my work. You can keep it for free if you like it." I was at once shocked and ashamed. She added, "I only do it to remember my ancestors and express my feelings. Doing so makes me happy and fulfilled."

I studied the piece of paper and pondered. The old woman might not know what is considered high art but she was creating art every day by taking inspiration from nature and her daily life. Her skill is passed on from generation to generation and reflects the rural life of China.

I thanked the old woman. Walking back, I held the paper up. Sunlight shone through, casting a beautiful silhouette of the children and the words *xi wang*.

Fireworks

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, So, Wai Yi Heather - 6

"Arghhhh.... help! Daddy, I don't want it!" Henry was holding a sparkler and he was crying. He was scared that the sparkler might burn his fingers. "Easy. Hold the end of the sparkler steadily. It won't burn your hand. Try to wave it," Henry's dad said. Henry tried and he was not scared anymore. He played with the sparklers with his dad for the whole night during the trip.

"Who invented fireworks?" Henry asked. And his dad told the story:

When Yongzheng became the Emperor of Qing Dynasty, he wanted to have a special firework show on Chinese Valentine's Day.

Li Tai was the youngest and smartest in the family. He learned to make fireworks from his father. He was the Emperor's favourite firework maker.

The Emperor ordered all his firework makers to make some unique fireworks for the show. Li Tai was very worried. If he couldn't make one, the Emperor may sentence him and his family to be beheaded.

He thought hard for days and could not eat or sleep. One day, he went outside to calm his mind. He walked around the city and spotted a blacksmith. The blacksmith was forging a horseshoe. He first heated the steel rod and hammered it into a 'U' shape. When he hammered the rod, Li Tai noticed that sparks flew out. Little pieces of steel and ash dropped onto the ground. He was very surprised and asked the blacksmith if he could bring the pieces of steel and ash home. He looked at the pieces curiously. and quickly got to work once he got home. He mixed the pieces of steel and ash with gunpowder, and put it into a container. He went outside and lit it up. The fireworks shot up high into the sky and a beautiful flower appeared right before our eyes. Li Tai was amazed. He quickly informed the Emperor of his invention.

On Chinese Valentine's Day, a giant fireworks show was organised and the Emperor was satisfied.

"Do you think we should ban fireworks? It can be dangerous sometimes," Henry's dad asked.

"No, fireworks is a symbol of celebration. Now whenever I see fireworks, I will remember what you taught me and cherish our wonderful day together," Henry said.

The Dragon and the Knight

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, So, Kinyu Ethan – 6

Chapter 1

Once upon a time, there was a dragon and this dragon was very brave. His name is Sparky. One day he met a knight called Micro. Micro had a metal shield, and a golden magic sword. He was as brave as the dragon. Sparky was very a big and when they met, Micro screamed and ran away. Sparky thought the knight was very funny. Sparky laughed so hard that he couldn't even stop. The knight was so angry that he said "I'm not scared of you!" Sparky said "Oh yeah?" Sparky use his breath and breathe out fire at the knight. The knight used his metal shield to block the fire. It reflected back to the dragon. The Dragon was badly hurt.

Sparky cried and ran away to his cave to rest. At night, Sparky came out of his cave and took a walk outside. Suddenly, Sparky heard a loud noise. The loud noise was another dragon who was badly hurt. Her name is Ellie. She had a broken leg. She was crying in her cave. Her cave was very cold. Sparky thought Ellie was very poor and in pain. Sparky went into her cave and said "I will help you." Ellie said "How kind of you?" Sparky's heart began to feel happy. He helped Ellie and began to make friends.

Chapter 2

Sparky used his breath to breathe fire at the cave and they slept together. Sparky was worried that Micro will sneak in the cave. He told Ellie that he is worried. Sparky made Ellie worried too. They've both pretended to not sleep. They just lay down. Micro was very worried that Sparky's cave was very creepy, so Micro didn't go anywhere. He stayed at home and slept because it was night time.

In the morning, Sparky and Ellie went for a walk. Suddenly they saw Micro's house. Micro was still asleep, so Sparky and Ellie tiptoed away to Sparky's cave. Sparky's cave was very warm. They played tag and hide and seek at Sparky's cave. When Micro was awake, he went to Ellie's cave but her cave was empty. Micro went away and felt tired. Micro lay down and closed his eyes. He was tired because he actually was sad.

Tropical Dreamland

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Tang, Tsz Kwan Stella – 7

Once upon a time, there was a family called the Tang family who wanted to go on a cruise to Tropical Dreamland. Many people liked to visit Dreamland, so they had to queue up to buy the cruise tickets. However, the wait was too long, and they fell asleep while waiting!

"Booom!" A loud sound woke everyone up.

"Wake up!" shouted Mummy Tang.

"We're on the cruise!" The Tang family was overjoyed and excited that they were finally on the cruise. It was a sunny afternoon, and Daddy Tang and Stella went swimming and surfing on the top deck, while Mummy Tang, Serene, and Sirius went to the cafe to enjoy the free flow of ice cream and pizza! Afterwards, they went to watch a magical show.

The next day, the Tang family finally arrived at Tropical Dreamland! They were thrilled and eager to explore. To their surprise, they were greeted by many dwarfs. "Welcome, Tang family!"

"Oh my god!" cried Sirius. "They are shorter than me!"

The dwarfs smiled politely and began teaching Tang's family how to collect coconuts for a welcome drink. Stella and Serene were amazed as they had never seen so many different—colored coconuts before!

"Please try the coconuts. They have different flavors!" one of the dwarfs said.

"I'll choose the pink one!" Stella took a pink coconut and tried it. "It's very refreshing and has a strawberry flavor!" Serene chose a purple coconut and took a sip. "Mine tastes like grape bubble gum!"

Sirius tried a yellow coconut. "It's banana-flavored! Yeah!"

They were very satisfied with the special coconut water.

They then followed the dwarfs to Tropical Dreamland Beach. The beach was colorful, with rainbow—colored sand and many shiny, beautiful seashells. The water was crystal clear, and the Tang family could see the fishes swimming in the ocean. As they observed the fishes, they suddenly spotted a faint outline of a large fish. As they were mesmerized by the sheer size of the shape becoming bigger, they realized that this was no ordinary sea creature. It was a monster with fearsome teeth, horrid tentacles, piercing black eyes and dark green slimy fins. The creepy monster swam with bad intentions towards the Tang family and as it opened its mouth wide to swallow the family in one gulp, they suddenly heard a loud!

"Boom!" The Tang family was terrified and screamed.

"Ahhh!" shouted Stella, Serene, and Sirius.

"Wake up!" said Mummy Tang. "It's time to board the ship!"

Stella, Serene, and Sirius looked at each other, still filled with fear, and realized it had all been a dream.

New Tales of China's Inventions: What would you like to eat?

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Wong, Hoi Tai

Chinese foods are one of the most popular dishes in the world for its prolific history, just like our varied inventions. If I could create something new, I would like to design a robot chef with artificial intelligence ("AI"). People spend a lot of time for preparing and cooking food. Eating is a matter of survival, and therefore it is necessity for everyone. In ancient China, it had assorted cuisine. For examples, steam, stir—fry, boil, pan—fry, stew, broil etc and all these fantastic ideas came from our ancestors.

The robot chef consists of different parts, you can communicate with it in the form of voice or touch through a giant control panel to order meals at any time. Then the AI will show you what kinds of food ingredients and seasonings you need to provide. Its tummy is a big pot for us putting those ingredients. When everything is ready, it will start to cook automatically. We no longer to worry the problems about undercooked or overcooked, all will be served by AI. I believe it must be delicious. Sometimes, we do not have any idea for our meals, AI will supply you a list of worldwide cuisines for selection and recommend having a balanced diet. Another unusual function of AI is to update the recipe list frequently from Internet, so you can try a variety of tasty foods from all around the world. AI can also remember your own tastes of different foods. That's why it may cook your favourite dishes all day long.

I think this multi-functional robot chef is the most wonderful design and necessity for all families. It's not just shared the heavy workload of my mum, who may spend more time to accompany me and my brother every day. On the other hand, a healthy diet is the barely drawback of AI as I could not skip eating vegetables.

The Flying Backpack

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Wong, Yi Archibald Wong – 6

Chinese foods are one of the most popular dishes in the world for its prolific history, just like our varied inventions. If I could create something new, I would like to design a robot chef with artificial intelligence ("AI"). People spend a lot of time for preparing and cooking food. Eating is a matter of survival, and therefore it is necessity for everyone. In ancient China, it had assorted cuisine. For examples, steam, stir—fry, boil, pan—fry, stew, broil etc and all these fantastic ideas came from our ancestors.

The robot chef consists of different parts, you can communicate with it in the form of voice or touch through a giant control panel to order meals at any time. Then the AI will show you what kinds of food ingredients and seasonings you need to provide. Its tummy is a big pot for us putting those ingredients. When everything is ready, it will start to cook automatically. We no longer to worry the problems about undercooked or overcooked, all will be served by AI. I believe it must be delicious. Sometimes, we do not have any idea for our meals, AI will supply you a list of worldwide cuisines for selection and recommend having a balanced diet. Another unusual function of AI is to update the recipe list frequently from Internet, so you can try a variety of tasty foods from all around the world. AI can also remember your own tastes of different foods. That's why it may cook your favourite dishes all day long.

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The Paradise Maker

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Yip, Mia – 8

It is 2073 and there is a gigantic problem. There is too much pollution! The air quality is horrid, and an acrid stench hangs in the atmosphere.

Why? For years, many factories made things that people did not need – like hamburger hats for your cat, how wasteful! It is so bad outside that no one ever goes out, instead staying in their comfortable, air—conditioned homes. School and work are done online, and everybody orders groceries for delivery.

Outside, it is dark and grey, even at midday. The playgrounds are desolate—missing the laughter and chatter of families—and beaches have become landfills.

One day, a scientist called Professor Zheng decided to fix things.

He gathered a huge team of scientists and scholars from around the world and they designed a magnificent machine that turns bad air into fresh air, and factories into trees. The machine was to have a gigantic funnel in the front, and the back would be a big 'L' shaped tube with wheels on the bottom. To transform the factories, demolition robots first break them down into small pieces then a forklift feeds all the pieces into the funnel. Next, the machine churns the factories and buildings into trees, and finally, the trees drop out of the big 'L' shaped tube.

They named it the 'Paradise Maker'.

After much preparation, the Paradise Maker was unveiled! Professor Zheng and his team raced around the machine, pressing a complicated sequence of buttons and pulling lots of levers. But instead of putting out trees, thousands upon thousands of flowers shot out! With such a beautiful mistake, everybody couldn't help but laugh and feel joy even if things did not go to plan. The scientists rolled up their sleeves and kept working. They would not give up. They tried and tested countless times and, finally, after three years of hard work, they got it right.

Once the Paradise Maker was ready, everybody begged Professor Zheng to convert their town's factories first. Prof. Zheng went on TV to announce the plan, "We made a list of all the cities and towns in the world, and we will start with the dirtiest places." It was barely daybreak when they arrived in the first city, and they worked until well past midnight.

The citizens awoke the next morning to a light grey sky that gradually cleared as the sun rose. Outside their windows they saw small forests growing everywhere. People rushed out of their homes for the first time in many years, took deep breaths of the fresher air and exhaled as happiness bloomed in their chests.

After one year, the Earth was once again a beautiful planet. All of humankind threw a grand party to celebrate nature's return.

Now, playgrounds and schools are again full of children and beaches are full of sandcastles and laughter. Global warming and pollution are no more.

Saving Wan Hu

Stamford American School Hong Kong, Abraham, Sera – 8

It was a cold winter's night. I was in my bedroom with Owly, my pet owl, reading a book about Wan Hu. He is a inventor from Ancient China and he tried to make a rocket. Unfortunately, he died in the experiment. "I want to save his life," I thought to myself when I closed the book. BOOM!!! Suddenly a giant portal sucked me in.

"Wait a minute. Am I in ancient China?" A strange—looking roof, a red door, a big house, a cliff. I snapped my finger. I decided to get up and look for Owly. On the way I met a man. It was Wan Hu. He was sitting and pondering over something. I wish I knew what it was. I wish I could help. He seemed like a nice man. I sighed. But all of a sudden I felt something settle on my shoulder. It was Owly! I said to Owly, "Let's help this man." Owly nodded. As I walked over to the man, he looked up at me. We had a little chat. He shared his ideas with me. And we started to brainstorm. Suddenly I remembered India had successfully launched and landed a satellite on the moon. Could this mean that me and Wan Hu could do the same? I told Wan Hu what I was thinking. He was excited about my idea and we decided to work together. Suddenly a man with a dark cloak had a smirk and said, "Thanks for the idea, soon the whole world will think I succeeded in becoming the first man who built the rocket".

"Not so fast, "I said. "How dare you disturb my progress," he said. He gave me a cold stare as he vanished into the dark portal. I called NASA on my smartphone. The agency said, "we are on the way." The next moment the space agent was right in front of me. "Let's get to it NASA agent, "I said. "In a jiffy" she shouted. But when I turned to give her my next instruction the rocket was finished. "Wait till I come back," I said to her as I skipped along the field to fetch Wan Hu.

When he saw the rocket he was overjoyed. "Let's fly this thing!" he said. As we boarded the rocket I asked the NASA Agent whether she would like to come along. "Go ahead go make history," she said as she entered the portal, "It's your future, not mine!"

As I blasted off to space with Wan Hu, I shouted, "hey how do we get back down?" "There is no going down! All I wanted was to go up, not down!" said Wan Hu with a dreamlike voice. That's the moment I know I couldn't save him. I said goodbye to him in heart and BOOM, I was back to my bed, with Owly.

Zhao Guo's New Tool

Stamford American School Hong Kong, Chan, Ying Tung Amy – 9

Zhao Guo looked through the windows of the shop. He couldn't see it.

When he realized that there wasn't any, he started to feel a little bit frustrated. He really needed it. He sadly walked back home. But then, he saw a random man that looked very wise. He thought that that man would know where he could find what he wanted. However, he was too scared to ask so he just continued walking home, pretending he didn't see that man.

When he arrived home, he felt very frustrated because he really wanted that, but he still couldn't find it. He used all his precious time to hunt for it, but he still couldn't find it! It was already bedtime, so he just went to bed thinking about all the horrible things that happened all day.

The next day, he started hunting for it. He really hoped that he could find it today. He really wanted it and absolutely needed it.

"It will be so useful," he said to himself. But, HE STILL COULDN'T FIND IT! He REALLY needed it! But then, he came up with an idea!

"I can write a letter and put it in a public place!" And that was what he did.

He started to write a letter:

Dear Someone,

If you know where I can find it or if you see one, please let me know. Thanks. Bye!

He was so excited that he forgot to say what he wanted.

Luckily, someone reminded Zhao Guo.

That person wrote:

Dear whoever wrote this letter,

You didn't say what you wanted. Bye!

When Zhao Guo saw it, he immediately replied, "Oh yeah, I forgot to write that." Then, he wrote it and put it back in the public place.

The next day, he saw a letter again! He opened it and started reading. "Oh my god!" he thought, "Why did that person asked what in the world is a seed drill? He has no idea what that is!"

Zhao Guo felt so frustrated that tear started dripping down his cheeks. That person was so rude and mean! So, he never ever wrote back, and was full of anger.

Nevertheless, the next day, he decided to go for a walk in the woods. When he was walking to the woods, he walked past a farm. He saw some hardworking farmers and lots of animals. But then, he saw an amazing sight. He couldn't believe his eyes! Did he really see a seed drill? Or was he dreaming?

A few minutes later, "OMG!!! I realized that I'm not dreaming anymore!!!" said Zhao Guo super excitedly.

The Ketchup Catastrophe

Stamford American School Hong Kong, Hou, Ruihan Rhihanna – 9

"Ewe! What is that?" I asked. Then I realized it came from the bottle of ketchup I bought yesterday. It can't be! Then I received a lot of messages from my friends. "Turn on the TV!" They all texted.

"Breaking news, ketchup from all over the world is starting to taste bad," The reporter said. Oh no, it is a global ketchup catastrophe!

I quickly ran down and found my Time Machine(TARDIS) and found a paper scroll on the seat.

This is how it went:

Dear Rhianna (oh, I forgot to tell you that I am not an ordinary 8-year-old, I'm part of a secret organization called Time Fixing Agency. AKA, TFA. We help anything that goes wrong now by traveling back into the past),

I need you to go on a mission! The villain The Taste Taker has taken our ketchup's taste! I need you to use this Time Machine to go to ancient China and find the original ketchup recipe and stop the Taste Taker.

From.

Octavian

Without hesitation, I jumped into the seat and buckled up. After a zoom and a flash, the door opened. "We have now arrived in 300 BC, Southwest China, and you will meet two friends," said the super computer.

"Help, help!" two little voices screamed. I ran towards the voice, then I saw two pairs of little eyes beaming in the darkness. "Who are you?" "We are bottles of ketchup, I am Kendall, and this is my sister Katiea." he said "Okay, " I said, " why were you asking for help?" "We were taken here. In Katiea's bottle we found a scroll and we could not read, " Kendall said. "Let me get it out." I offered. This must be one of the Taste Taker's evil deeds! I took the letter out and read it.

This was what it said:

Dear Rhianna,

You are almost done, I'm happy you met Kendall and Katiea. They will help you on your mission. Here is the clue: Go to the forest,

Find somewhere pitch black,

Where there is sunlight,

Press where it shines,

Follow where it leads,

You will find what you need

From

Octavian

"We need to get to the forest," Kendall said. The machine took us there in no time. "we need to go somewhere pitch black." said Katiea. "There is a cave!" I said, "It looks very dark, I think we should go in!" I said. Soon, Katiea saw the beam of light that we were looking for! We were shocked that in the middle of the chamber was a bottle and inside the bottle was a scroll. It worked! We carefully took the fragile scroll. It was the original receipt of Ketchup!

"That was exactly what we are looking for!" I exclaimed, "thank you, Kendall and Katie!" They smiled at me and waved me goodbye. I got teleported home. I carefully sent the scroll to Octavian. The next morning the ketchup tasted normal again like they never tasted bad. "Wow," I said, dazed. It was truly one of the best adventures I have ever had! What's my next mission? I can't wait for it!

The Story of How My Tastes Changed about Ketchup with Fish

Stamford American School Hong Kong, Kwon, Kayla – 9

The clock just ticked to twelve o'clock on a sunny summer day. While me and Kailyn were doing their homework our Mom called out, "Come down to eat lunch!" We were annoyed, "I bet it is ketchup and fish again for a dish!" Then, finally I replied, "Ok, coming!" We slid down the stairwell slide.

On our way to the kitchen, we prayed, "Please no more ketchup with fish!" I ran in to see what we'd got. Surprisingly, it was the same as usual. After our meal, I went to the reading room. *Buzz!* My friend, Tabitha, initiated a video call. We listened to the news report together.

It began, "Hello, this is Sera on today's kid's news. I would like you to know that lately a lot of Moms are giving children ketchup with fish. So, good luck to you all out there." I thought, "What? Good luck?" I pondered and made my way to the library to have a peace of mind. Then, right at that moment, a book named "All About Ketchup" revealed from the non-fiction section. Now, I am curious. It appeared that ketchup was first a fish sauce in China. Was that the reason why Mom kept giving us ketchup with fish? I was puzzled that I decided to call on M16, my reliable robot assistant. Me and Kailyn got absorbed into the book. We felt that we were being dragged down and sucked into the basement. As we opened our eyes, it was a different world.

It was scary to be in the unknown. We wandered around. It was strange. It *felt* strange. I gave MI6 a ring, but it didn't turn up. I figured out that I was in the 300 B.C. My sister and I time travelled.

Someone was tapping me on the shoulder. It was the mascot ketchup on the book cover! I asked, "Can you show me the way home?" The mascot blurted, "Unfortunately, you are staying here until you learn the story of the first ketchup." I trembled, "Then after?" It vanished. I was trapped. In a whoosh, my sister appeared, "I was left alone in the dark." She sobbed. I held her hand and started our journey through the ancient market.

Strolling across the streets and alleys of southwestern part of China, my sister and I were invisible to the villagers. We lost track of the passage of time, while immersing in the history of ketchup on how people dipped fish fillet into the red paste and how ketchup made her way to the public's eyes through trial—and—errors. We kept coming back to the same place that we started from. We were trapped in the time vacuum. Suddenly we heard a scream. *Boom!* We were in the library. We were home. It was dinner time. We didn't care if we would have ketchup with fish anymore, tired from all the adventure. We enjoyed the dinner.

Memoir of a Kite

Stamford American School Hong Kong, Nie Anxin Alice – 9

Hello! It's me, the kite! Your entertaining old friend! Do you want to know why am I so popular? Ok, here's my story. Hold my string, fly me to the sky, and let's travel all the way back to Warring States Period (475 – 221 B.C), the time I was born.

I was made by a carpenter Lu Ban and a philosopher/war artist Mozi. Lu Ban and Mozi had been best friends since they were kids. Mozi & Lu Ban was a great team. But back then they failed for years to just make me. Not until the Early Warring States Period, I was finally born. They said to me, "You made us confident in making our next invention. Many great things shall start from you!"

Wee!!! Now I'm flying in the sky. As I fly, I realize I was created to fly hundreds of meters above the ground. But is there a limit? The wind blows, and I'm flying up, up, and higher! Just when I think I can fly even higher, I hear a *SNAP!* The string was broken, and I was free. Where is the wind going to take me? I wonder.

I thought of my first time in the sky. It was NOT fun. I was used in military missions. I was even used to carrying military weapons. Later, I was used to pass information and as a warning signal of enemies coming. During peaceful times, people started to decorate me with colors and patterns, and I finally had my debut in celebrations. Since then, I travelled to many countries such as Korea, Japan, India, and many others. I was thrilled that I no longer worked for the war department.

Years and centuries went by, I gained huge affection from children around the world. I was always among the first toys they had. I created a lot of loving memories because my string was always passed from a dad or a mom's hand to their child. Since the 6th century, I've grown extremely popular. Today, I'm nearly 3,000 years old!

Wait, where am I now? Am I in the kite paradise? I see a dragon soaring high up in the air. What are you doing here? I ask. There's no response. It's a kite! I see a huge camel flying in the air, and it's a kite! I see a High—Speed Rail zooming by, and it's a kite! I even see my creators Lu Ban and Mozi waving at me, and they're all kites! Suddenly, I realize I am in Weifang, China, my hometown. The people there are celebrating ME! They are having a kite festival! My heart is full, and I feel I can fly to the moon.

The wind starts to get gentle, slowly, I glide down to the ground. A little girl picks me up, she smiles at me and she carefully holds me in her hands. My story will go on, probably for another 3,000 years...

Jenny And The Fire Breathing Jellyfish

The French International School, TKO, Cheong, Cheryl – 8

Long ago there was a town with some flowers, a lush green hill and an apple tree. The people were happy but there was a fire breathing jellyfish. Every day it will kill someone to eat.

The fire breathing jellyfish had tentacles as long as a bus, its body was as round as a ball and its fire was like a red balloon that when children touched it, they would die.

One day a heroine came to town. Her name was Jenny. She was dressed in shiny armour with a shield and a sword. After a while the king ran towards them and said, "A fire breathing jellyfish caught the princess and is going to eat her for breakfast tomorrow!" exclaimed the king.

When Jenny heard it, she ran to the fire breathing jellyfish.

After that, when Jenny reached the fire breathing jellyfish, she held up her sword. The fire breathing jellyfish said, "You think I can't beat you!" shouted the fire breathing jellyfish.

"I'm not so sure about that!" bellowed Jenny.

Jenny aimed her sword at the fire breathing jellyfish and then threw it. The sword hit the fire breathing jellyfish and it died

After the princess was saved, she told the king that Jenny saved her. After hearing it the king gave Jenny a little shiny gold medal. Jenny was so happy that she got a medal, so they lived happily ever after.

The Amazing Gumball Machine

The French International School, TKO, Jain, Suhani – 7

Once upon a time, there lived in China an intelligent innovator by the name Beethoven Lee.

Mr. Lee was born in Shanghai in 1989. Beethoven'; s daughter Poppy, a smart little girll always helped him with new ideas for inventions, when he needed them. Poppy loved her father and always wanted to help him.

One warm summer morning, Poppy woke up sad thinking about so many poor people on this earth who have no food to eat. She thought, "What if dad can invent a machine that makes tasty healthy gumballs? The colourful gumballs would come in flavour of fruits and vegetables and would be very yummy in taste! What's more, they would have the nutritional value of a healthy meal and could be eaten instead of a full meal"

So right after her dad got up, Poppy told him her idea. Beethoven found the idea interesting, so he went to the Great Rose gardens of China to build the machine. He read many books about nutrition, engineering and he did many experiments. After 3 weeks of hard work his machine was ready. Vola! the best invention ever. Beethoven hired a small truck and put the machine in it. The gumballs were made of different types of food and fruits. It even had an ice cream flavoured gum, a gum for rice, noodles and even Poppy's favourite toblerone.

Now Beethoven had to make the machine famous. So he decided to participate in the 'Amazing Inventions of China' competition. There were 4 contestants in the final round. One of the contestants was jealous of Beethoven's invention. His name was Henry Bad. When Beethoven reached the competition venue, he took out the gumball machine from the van and carried it into the setting room. After setting the machine, Beethoven went to eat lunch.

Once Beethoven left the room, Henry opened the wire flap and used his scissor to cut the main red wire of the machine.

When Beethoven returned, he tested his machine one more time but it didn't work. Beethoven double checked his wire flap and found that someone had tried to break the machine. Beethoven was annoyed. He rang his brother Stilton and asked him to bring a new pack of red wire. Luckily, Stilton came very quickly. Next, he tried to twist the wire but in a quick second the whole machine broke down. Beethoven called his team for help. They got the screw drivers, put the screws and hammered the nails. Finally, the machine was fixed.

But Beethoven had lost his turn.

The judges gave Beethoven one more chance. Beethoven presented his gumball machine.

Everybody loved his idea and they were super excited to try the gumballs. Beethoven had become the star of the competition. He was voted as the winner. Soon Beethoven's machine went viral and he had to make many more of those machines to put them all over the world.

Mr. Wong Hui Tang and His Invention

The French International School, TKO, Salomon, Estelle – 7

Chapter 1 The Inventor

Long time ago, there was a man called Mr. Issey, he lived in a boring and quiet town, he didn't like it at all. So, to cheer up the town's people, he decided to invent a robot. It was the first ever robot! The robot was a miracle machine, but it wasn't really what he had planned. Still he was proud of himself and decided to call this robot k-1. It could roll on its wheels to move, talk, sing and then sleep when the sun goes down. But, there was only one problem, no one wanted it! Because it didn't have activities that the people wanted it to do, so the robot K-1 became extinct; soon after Mr. Issey died and the town became quiet again.

Chapter 2 A man who was interested in the robot

Some time after, a young man named Hui, who was interested in this robot came up with a great idea! He was 18 years old and had graduated university, he wanted to know more about the robot: not just to read the news that of the first robot! So, Hui researched about K-1. He decided to design a robot and make it better than K-1. The new activities that Hui will add are Tennis, swimming (waterproof), playing piano, climbing, playing cards, drawing, and much more!! He anxiously rushed to the library to get a bunch of books, then went home straight to start his design. He made himself very busy, as busy as a worker bee!! He carried on and on until the sun went down and the moon came out of her hiding place and shined to his house. Hui thoughtfully sighed "Please, I hope my plans will work, I want to make this town joyful and happy again, but I'm not sure..." and fell asleep

Chapter 3 Upgraded the robot

The night went by and the moon watched him sleep by the bay window. "Good night, Hui!", the moon whispered and closed her eyes to dream about Hui making his amazing robot. Continuing his plans, he completed parts of the robot hour by hour, day by day, week by week, when finally he had completed the entire robot called K-2 in November 2023. Hui sold his robot to a little boy and asked if the robot was good or not. The boy said he could improve it. After some training, K-2 could swim 25 metres long in less than five seconds!! The town's people were amazed and everyone was excited and happy about the news.

Chapter 4 K-59 The Best Robot Ever!

After the success of K-2, Hui continued to make other robots until K-59. Hui wanted K-59 to be the best robot ever, meaning it could do all types of sports as he originally planned and play with the children of the town. Finally Hui sold K-59 to a little girl named Kayla. Kayla told *Mr. Hui that it was perfect!* Kayla shared it with the town and all the children loved to play with it and the town became happy!

An Adventure To The Kingdom Of Stuffed Toys

The French International School, TKO, Wong, Evelyn – 7

This story is about a little girl named Ella and her journey to a place Call "Kingdom of Stuffed Toys" behind a rainbow in China. The special rainbow is made up of 14 colours with gold, silver, white, black, gray, ruby red and pink on top of the usual seven colours.

Ella travels for a long time and arrives at a castle in the kingdom, Ella learns that there are six rooms in the castle, each room is guarded by a knight. In front of the room of Teddy Bear, stands a knight.

Knight: You will need to solve a riddle before you can enter the room.

Ella: I would love to solve the riddle. Please kindly read it to me.

Knight: Very well. Here is the riddle: I can fly but I don't have any wings. What am I?

Ella answered: Is it a balloon?

Knight: Not quite. Here is another hint: I am a living thing.

Ella pondered. It must be an animal then.

Kinght: Seems like you need some more help. This is the final hint: My favorite food are nuts on trees where I live

Ella thinks in her head: animal, no wings, lives high on a tree and likes to eat nuts. Ella answered with confidence: It is a flying squirrel!

Knight: Correct. Now you may enter.

Inside the room, Ella is happy to pick up a teddy bear! Ella finds the other rooms and picks up a stuffed toy for each correct answer.

Finally Ella arrives at the King's room. The king is very happy to greet Ella and praises her for her courage and intelligence and asks Ella to solve one last riddle for a grand prize.

The riddle is:

- I don't have sharp teeth or claws but I have a unique weapon
- You cannot touch my weapon but you will know it when it touches you!
- I don't run fast but I always escape unharmed
- You can win me if you don't have a nose

It is definitely the hardest riddles of all but lucky Ella has met this friend in her long journey to the castle. It is the Skunk! It doesn't need to run fast or attack with teeth or claws. It can produce stinky gas that can make the most fearsome animal flee!

King accepted her answer and show her a bear stuffed toy the size of a real bear. His fur are in bright pink color, his eyes is as shine as a ruby, his nose shaped like a huge strawberry and his body is as fluffy as a cotton candy. The most special thing about the bear is the strawberry smell from his body. Strawberry is Ella's favourite food. Ella loves it, but there is one big problem, how can she carry him home! The bear suddenly starts moving and greet the girl. "Nice to meet you I am Pinky!" The bear is alive! The girl jumped with excitement and climbed up to the bear's arm. Ella and Pinky shared all their adventure on their way home.

George In Space!!!!!!

The French International School, TKO, Woolley, Jacoby – 7

Once, in a faraway land there lived a boy called George. He was a very nice boy and he lived with his mother and father. He lived in a massive house. He had explored every room except one, the basement. He lived in the U.S.A., so he heard a lot of gun firing at night. His mum and dad always sent him to bed at 6pm but he didn't know why. One day George asked a QUESTION! "Why do I have to go to bed so early?", asked George curiously.

"Well, uh... we just want you to be safe!" replied Mum happily.

"But I'm already safe behind bars made of iron," said George.

"Well, it's a secret," replied Mum.

So, George decided to go out at bedtime and see what his parents were doing. So, at 6.30pm he crept out of his bedroom and looked for his mum and dad. Eventually he found himself lost. But then he thought that his mum and dad might be in the basement. So, he crept into the basement, and he heard his parents talking about something. "If we want to go to space then we will need to add a device to the rocket so we can go back home in time," said Mum.

"So, let's get started," replied Dad.

George kept on watching until midnight, then he decided to go back to bed, so his parents wouldn't be suspicious of him.

In the morning, when George was eating with his parents, he got an excellent idea. "If I can creep into the rocket tonight, I could see what Mum and Dad are doing!" thought George.

At night he snook into the rocket, then he hid in a box so his parents wouldn't see him. "Time to take-off... 5... 4... 3... 2... 1... Take-off!" shouted the parents. It took a long time until they reached their destination. George never saw anything like space! Soon George realised he was in a lunchbox! Soon the parents got hungry and found their son hiding in there!

"What are you doing here, son?" said Dad.

"Well... I was interested about what you were doing," replied George.

"We're doing an experiment!" announced Dad, proudly.

"And we are scientists," added Mum.

"Can I help you with your experiments?" asked George.

"OK!" said the parents, so they all worked together and lived happily ever after.

The Adventures with My Top Invention

The Independent Schools Foundation Academy, Chiu, Jensen – 5

I think I will invent a time machine for the future because I want to go to the past and the future. My time machine will have a keyboard for typing words, lots of buttons, and big and small handles. There is also a screen for looking at how much power is left. It works by pushing a handle to go to the past and pressing a button to go to the future. A red button says "Dragon Eye" allows you to choose to go to the past or the future. It can transform into a rocket or so on. For example, diggers, buildings or a cave.

First, I want to go to take a look at the superb Chinese inventions in the past. I want to see the inventions of the kite, mechanical clock, acupuncture and the earthquake detector. The kite was used to send enemy signals. Today, it is still used to entertain us. In ancient China, the kites were made of wood! Next up, I want to see the mechanical clock. The first clock was invented in 725 AD by a Buddhist monk named Yi Xing. On the top and bottom, there were two birds. The power of water was used to turn a wheel in 24 hours. In 1,092 AD, another man named Su Song invented the Cosmic Empire (a clock).

Now we come to acupuncture. Acupuncture is a Chinese therapy. The needles can be put anywhere in the body as long as having no nerves. There are four kinds of Chinese therapy: "needle", "ask", "hear", "medicine" (herbs). It can help sick people.

In 132 AD, a man named Zhang Heng invented the earthquake detector. Six years after it was made, it detected an earthquake happening 1,000 km away in Longxi.

Last but not least, I would travel back to the Han Dynasty to visit Guan Yu (the Enormous Blade). I will ask Guan Yu (the Enormous Blade): Where in the world have you been?

I am going to the future now. First, I want to go to see the invention of the auto—umbrella. This smart auto—umbrella can alert if it is going to rain, or let you know if you accidentally leave it behind. Next, I want to go to see the invention of driverless cars. These driverless cars are designed with a happy face or a sleepy face. It can tell the time or the weather report. It can take you anywhere without a driver.

Third, I want to go to see the invention of flying cars. These itty—bitty teeny—tiny motors can take you into the air. Flying cars are quite fast. Last, I want to go to see the invention of plug—in shirt. It is made of honey mesh and tells you how much power is left. It can help the environment.

My time machine is named Bamboo Rizz.

The Robot Companion

The Independent Schools Foundation Academy, Jin, Olivia – 7

In a southern city of China, there was a little girl named Le Le. She lived with her mother while her father worked in a different city. She often felt lonely at home as she didn't have siblings.

One sunny day, after coming home, Le Le realized that she was the only one in the house. "Oh, mommy is still at work as usual," Le Le whispered. She felt sad because she had to do everything by herself. She couldn't share her feelings with anyone either. Her mother usually came home late, so by then, she would already be fast asleep in bed.

One day, something special happened. As Le Le sat down to do her math homework, she heard the doorbell ring. "Maybe it's the mailman delivering newspaper," Le Le thought as she rushed to open the door. To her surprise, there was no mailman or newspaper in sight. Instead, she found a mysterious brown parcel on the front steps. Excitement filled her heart as she tore open the parcel, revealing a shiny robot inside.

"Wow, someone sent me a robot! How cool!" exclaimed Le Le with joy.

Shortly after, Le Le discovered that the robot could do so many incredible things. It became her companion and helper. One day, while struggling with her Chinese homework, where she had to write a fairy tale, Le Le experienced a creative block. The robot came to the rescue and gave her brilliant ideas. With the robot's suggestions, Le Le's mind sparked with inspiration, allowing her to write a captivating and magical story.

Not only was the robot a great help with schoolwork, but it was also a fantastic playmate. They played chess together, and the robot adjusted its skill level to match Le Le's abilities. The robot was super smart and always made the games fun.

One gloomy afternoon, Le Le returned home feeling down. The robot noticed her sadness and asked what had happened. Le Le explained that she hadn't done well on her exam, despite working very hard to prepare for it. The robot praised her for her hard work and shared some funny jokes to cheer her up, bringing a smile back to Le Le's face.

One day, while watching TV, Le Le was astounded to see her father holding a robot that looked exactly like the one she had. Overjoyed, she jumped up and exclaimed, "Thank you daddy for sending me this robot and giving me an amazing friend!"

Being interviewed on TV, her father announced, "We are creating more robots to help people around the world. I believe China's inventions will make the world a better place." Le Le was filled with pride for her father's work. She knew that his incredible inventions would make a significant difference.

From that day forward, Le Le and her robot friend continued to explore and learn together. They embraced the amazing inventions that China had to offer, spreading joy and knowledge wherever they went.

Addictive Screens

The Independent Schools Foundation Academy, Yung, Annika – 6

"PAY ATTENTION" Yelled Mr Zhang.

All the students continued to play videogames on their high tech contact lenses. The lenses are invisible screens placed on eyeballs so kids could be playing video games or watching Youtube in class and nobody would know. It was the year 2523 and this was the biggest problem in China.

Cheng used a Netherite sword to kill the crazy zombies in his video game. They kept bumping into each other like headless chickens. Cheng heard the teacher call, but ignored him. Suddenly, a super enormous old face appeared right in front of Cheng. Cheng jumped, thinking Mr Zhang was one of the zombies. He quickly grabbed his book and slapped Mr Zhang on his chubby fat cheek.

"Ahhhh!" Mr Zhang's face was as red as a tomato, he frowned, "YOU! GO TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE!"

In the principal's office, Cheng sniffed, "...but all the other kids were also playing video games in class!" Principal Li was as fat as a whale and a nose like Pinnochio, he sighed.

Then, the door swung open. Cheng's parents angrily stomped in and took a seat at the desk.

"Your son is not paying attention in class!" Principal Li smacked his hand on the table.

"We are also facing this problem at home too! Those lenses are too addictive." Said Cheng's dad.

"He is always watching Youtube at home when he is supposed to do his homework." Mum sighed.

"Starting today, we must stop children from using contact lenses. They are not allowed anymore!" Principal Li decided.

In the car on the way home, Cheng folded his arms and his eyebrows were shaped in an angry V. His parents had locked his lenses and he could not do anything! Cheng thought all adults were boring and just didn't know how to use the lenses, Cheng believed that the lenses could be useful too.

At home, Cheng needed to do his super stinky Chinese homework. It was the worst thing in the entire world! He needed to do research on four different types of animals, but his problem was that his lenses were locked. He had to use books instead. Cheng went to his bookshelf to find books about animals but he had none. He wanted to ask his mum if they could go to the library, but dinner was ready and he couldn't. Cheng never managed to finish his homework, and couldn't sleep thinking his teacher would scold him tomorrow.

Cheng cried in class. He got in trouble for not finishing his homework. "It's not fair, my mum locked my lenses and I did not have time to go to the library!"

Mr Zhang rolled his eyes.

"Us too!" The whole class said together.

In the end, the school decided they would allow children to continue using the lenses but would lock them during school hours. Cheng was happy about the plan, he could not play games in school, but at least he could use it at home.

The Creation of Noodles

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Chan, Byanca – 8

"I'm going to be a famous chef one day!" Muchen exclaimed as he chopped the pork on a marble table. "You must be kidding!" Haiyu, the head chef, laughed. Muchen turned quiet and continued on with his work.

Muchen was a young cook working in a restaurant named Jade Express 4000 years ago in China, determined to become a famous chef. Haiyu on the other hand was a mean chef wanting to become rich.

One night, Muchen had an idea. He wanted to invent a dish to impress everyone. He stayed up all night making different dishes: soup, bread, and cookies, but none of them tasted good.

When he was about to give up, he accidentally dropped bread in boiling hot water. "Ah, it's hot!" Muchen screamed, trying to pick up the bread with his hand. "The bread looks yummy." He thought, picking up a spoon and scooping it in his mouth. He chewed, very slowly, examining its texture carefully. "It's delicious!" exclaimed Muchen, jumping up from joy like an explosion. He decided to call it noodles. He quickly jotted down the recipe.

The next morning, he overslept. He quickly grabbed the noodles and recipe, and headed to Jade Express to show Haiyu. When he arrived, Haiyu walked up to him with steam bursting through his ears. "Why are you so late?" Haiyu shouted. "Well, I made this new dish." Muchen tried to explain, "Would you like to try it?" Haiyu stared at the dish, ate a piece, and then scrunched up his face. "uh This is disgusting!" he said, shaking his head.

Muchen was shocked and crumbled to the ground. He looked down, and threw his recipe into the garbage on his way to the kitchen.

The next day when Muchen arrived at the restaurant, he saw Haiyu showing off a new dish to the customers. Everybody exclaimed that it was very yumny. Muchen went to take a look, feeling suspicious, and tasted a little bit. "This is the exact same dish I showed you yesterday!" Muchen screamed. "What are you talking about?" Haiyu responded. "You stole my recipe!" "What recipe? I didn't even know you had a recipe." Haiyu lied. "I quit!" Muchen screamed, with his face turning bright red. He ran through the heavy metal restaurant doors and slammed them closed.

When Muchen arrived home, he decided to improve his recipe. He did not have enough money to buy yeast for the dough. He didn't even have an oven, so he directly put the dough into the boiling water without baking it first. He experimented with different dough shapes and discovered that if he made it long and thin, it would be easier to eat with chopsticks.

He did not have a restaurant, so he went to the street food market to sell the noodles. At first, nobody came. But all of a sudden, a lot of people came, asking him whether these are the delicious noodles. Within a week, his noodles became so famous that there was always a long line waiting even before he came to the market.

In Chinese history, you would find a famous restaurant named Noodles Express owned by a famous chef Muchen. This person invented the delicious noodles that now everyone in the world enjoys.

The Lotus Mirror's Reflection

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Chan, Eleanor – 8

There was once a World Expo in the bustling city of Shanghai in 2035. Creative minds from all over the world were making inventions to show at the expo. A curious and ambitious high school girl, Jamie, had invented a makeup machine — Lotus Mirror. You just had to pick the eyebrow, eye shadow, blush, hairstyle and skin tone on a screen and Lotus Mirror could finish a glamorous makeup of your choice in one minute. Jamie believed that this innovation could save a lot of time for modern women with hectic schedules. She eagerly anticipated presenting her work at the expo, yet she also felt an underlying anxiety that something could go wrong.

Finally, the big day came. Jamie's heart pounded when a young girl in her 20s came and tried Lotus Mirror out. The girl put her face into the makeup machine and picked the makeup style she wanted. In a blink of an eye, makeup was done and she looked gorgeous. Everyone was shocked to see this and the next second there was a long line in front of Jamie's exhibit booth.

However, something seemed to have gone wrong. A little kid got lost and sought help at the information desk. He could not find his mother in the crowd because everyone who had tried the Lotus Mirror had the exact same face! Now all the people were in panic and the Expo was in complete chaos.

Suddenly, an old man bursted into the Expo. He was carrying something that looked like a Bi Sheng style old Chinese printer. He explained that it was a very sophisticated machine that would clear off makeup on the face and return it to its natural state. Everyone had their makeup removed. One of them even asked the old man where she could buy one! Jamie was happy for the old man yet disappointed that her invention did not work. She also felt very sorry for causing all this mess.

That night Jamie stayed up late thinking about the problem. She began making experiments and changed the software and switches. She finally figured out the way to show one's individuality through her makeup machine. The next day she went to the Expo and set up Lotus Mirror again. Nervous judges placed their faces into the machine. A few minutes later, their favourite colour combination and style was on the faces. This kind of makeup had their identity on it. Their own personalities and style shone through their makeup and choice of colours.

The judges were impressed by Jamie's creativity and dedication. Jamie was awarded the best young inventor prize and was asked to deliver a speech. "We all want to look good, but the truth is we are all unique. Our true brilliance shines through when being ourselves. Don't lose hope when you fail. Keep trying hard and your dream will come true, much like lotus thriving in cloudy waters" said Jamie proudly.

A Surreptitious Elixir

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Cheng, Hannah - 8

"Oh no! My spacecraft is driven into the black hole by a strong gravitational pull!" shouted Jon, an AI robot that was sent on a mission to explore outer space. BANG! Suddenly a huge swirl of colours emerged, and it was surrounded by chunks of glitter that seemed to be a hyperactive material. Jon activated the emergency propulsion thrust to escape from the black hole. It gathered the shimmering material back to earth and presented it to his creator, Dr. Han who was a brilliant Chinese scientist.

One fateful day after Jon's return, while Dr. Han was examining the material, her finger was accidentally cut by a sharp scalpel. Immediately, Dr. Han sprinted to fetch the first aid box. She intended to stop the bleeding, but to her surprise, Instead of blood oozing out, the wound healed almost instantaneously.

Surprised by what she witnessed, she could hardly believe her eyes. Soon, she tried injecting the material into the mice, but they all died the next day. Dr. Han could not fall asleep that night so she did more experiments on the material. Dr. Han discovered that the material possessed an incredible regenerative capability. The energy field of the material emitted waves to stimulate rejuvenation and repair damaged cells, yet it was highly toxic.

Exhausted after days of experiments without sleep, Dr. Han was suddenly driven into a vortex. She found herself landed beside the Great Wall of China, where people were still building the fort. There stood proudly a majestic man dressed in elegant imperial robe. His face was stern and serious. The people looked at him with admiration and respect. Under the golden glow of the bricks, his resounding voice boomed with power and ambitions.

"You have done a great job. Let me reward you with my secret: We are all brittle mortals.

I have a mysterious portal to open the door of eternal life.

No more fear of being stabbed by a knife.

You have to try your best to perform a series of lab tests.

Yet your findings are incomplete.

Try something with extreme heat.

Thereafter you can uncover the truth to obtain a potion of everlasting youth."

As he spoke the last line, he disappeared into the distance. Dr. Han shouted to call him back, but she realised she was panting and woke up from her dream. "Was he Emperor Qin? Let me try to extract the material with heat." thought Dr. Han.

Inspired by ancient Emperor Qin, Dr. Han succeeded in formulating the elixir of immortality. She decided to test the elixir on herself. She discovered that the elixir reversed the ageing process. Days after days, Dr. Han showed no sign of ageing. At first, she was excited about her groundbreaking discovery on overcoming the natural human life cycle. However, as years passed, she struggled to find a sense of purpose in life. So she decided to keep this material in secrecy.

A New Tale of Nian and the Chinese Music

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Cheung, Sik Yiu - 7

A long time ago in China, there was a monster named Nian. At the beginning of every year, Nian would come to the village to eat people. On New year's eve, all the villagers had already gone up to the mountain in order to escape from Nian except one old lady. She injured her legs when she went to collect the unwanted pots for storing pickles a few days ago.

At night, an old man was wandering around in the village. He found a house with a light on. The old lady was making dumplings for dinner. From the window, she saw an old man standing outside, looking poor and hungry. She decided to invite the old man to join her last meal before Nian came to catch her. When she opened the door, she suddenly saw a big red fierious monster standing on the roof, staring at them.

"Nian is here!" She asked the old man to hide under her bed. Soon after she closed the door, the old man revealed his true face. The old man grew larger and began to grow black furs and sharp teeth. "Nian" was getting closer and closer to the house, he saw the growing shadow of the monster. He wanted to save the old lady. His name was Qilin, a god sent by the Emperor of Heaven to capture Nian, the black spiky monster who turned into an old man.

Qilin accidentally kicked some pots outside the house and made different sounds. Nian was shocked when he heard the sound. Qilin found that Nian was afraid of these sounds, so he kept stepping on the big and small pots, making high and low sounds. Nian was horrified. His furs were trembling. He then let out a big roar and ran away. All the villagers came back and thanked the red Qilin for saving them. Since then, people have used different tools to make music to drive away the monsters every year.

Power to Heal

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Ching, Lauren – 9

Rain came down in full, cold buckets. My sister and I raced out to drink some fresh rainwater. It hadn't rained for days and our throats were dry deserts.

I missed the days when we didn't have to worry about water and food. Dad was a famous doctor and earned a fortune. He experimented day and night, making tea with natural herbs. He tried to teach me, blabbering about 'yin' and 'yang' and categorising certain foods as 'hot' or 'cold', but I never really understood.

A terrible virus began to spread and Dad got sick tending to one of his patients. He died, along with mum, who also got sick staying by him. My sister, Lin, fell ill one week later, and I was left alone to take care of her. I took Mum's jade jewellery to trade it for money, but it wasn't enough, so we decided to leave home.

Lin and I survived weeks in an abandoned windowless shack, but her cough got worse when winter came.

"Jie...I feel so sick." She whispered hoarsely one night.

Her terrible cough echoed around the room.

I stood there rooted to the spot.

I knew Lin would die if I didn't find a cure by the next day. I encouraged myself to be brave and headed towards Emei Mountain in the dark. It was where Dad used to collect herbs for his medicine.

The wind whistled like a broken flute in my ears as I stood frozen at the foot of the mountain. In the corner of my eye, I saw a plant that stuck out between two rocks. They looked – well, familiar. Dad had used this in his medicine, it was a licorice plant. Fumbling for the plant in the dark, a purple flower caught my eye – tatarian aster. A memory of Dad cutting up its roots flashed in my mind – he used this too!

I closed my eyes and thanked Dad for guiding me to these herbs.

Then, something magical happened.

I heard his soft deep voice say, "When the yin and yang is imbalanced, it will disturb the flow of energy. Balance is the key to good health."

The sun had risen over the peak of the mountain, brightening the sky. I hurried towards the little shed. Scooping up some rainwater into an old pot, I let the herbs boil over a fire. It didn't feel enough, Lin needed something more. I found peels from

a tangerine we shared the other day and plopped them in, hoping this could be the missing ingredient Dad had been searching for.

I sipped the tea. It melted in my throat and I felt the warmness spread throughout my body.

I woke Lin up and gave her a slip.

Her face brightened and there was fire in her eyes again.

I had saved my sister!

The town soon knew of me and my herbal medicine and people all over China began using my recipe to cure their sickness.

The City of Kong Bao

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Choi, Rui Yan -8

In a world plagued by environmental problems and pollution, there was a boy named Jing whose parents had lost their lives in a tsunami. One day, while Jing was at home, his friend Ming came to his house and asked to speak to him in private.

"Listen, Jing, I'm so sorry about your loss, but we've to move on. Believe it or not, my dad's the chief engineer for a secret project by the Chinese government called Kong Bao (空堡). This is a sustainable city built in the sky for future generations. Jing, would you like to join us for a trial to live in this city? Remember, keep it confidential. If you want to, meet us at my house at 3pm tomorrow."

Although Jing was hesitating, he still showed up the next day. A military jet took him with other volunteers to Gansu province, close to the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center. They landed in the middle of the plateau. Once Jing got off, an enormous floating dome was in sight. It had a transparent cover and looked like a floating tranquil garden in the sky.

"Welcome!!" Ming's father was expecting them with the group of scientists. They were let into a vacuum elevator, connecting the land to the upper dome. Within two seconds, they were whisked away to the sky island. The elevator door slid open, a floral fragrance drifted in sight of the lush greenery. Trees and flowers everywhere, even the buildings were covered with plants on the walls and buildings and were connected by levitating trains at the bottom. The air was so fresh and the city felt like it could breathe itself. "This is a real paradise!" people cried with a sense of relief.

"Welcome home!" a voice came from the sky. "This is Luna," Ming's dad introduced, "she's the AI mayor here. She monitors all the green index of the city, including air, water, and electricity. Everyone must follow green rules to make sure all daily necessities can be recycled. The city dome can drift anywhere to avoid climate disasters. Right now it has a capacity of 50,000 people. It could be expanded to a much bigger size. After all investment these years, our country has become the world's biggest manufacturer of battery and solar panels. This city dome is 100% empowered by solar energy and hydrogen battery. Hopefully it can help to achieve the zero carbon emission target by 2050!

"Such an amazing invention", Jing shouted with tears, "I wish my parents would have a chance to live here!" Jing decided not only to join the program but continue to embark on a quest to unlock more innovations and green technologies. After years, he became an outstanding scientist to improve Kong Bao in all aspects, benefiting more and more people. The groundbreaking invention not only transformed the cityscapes but also the hearts and minds of the residents. The world had not come to an end, but a new start for all.

The Disaster and Miracle

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Du, Wanyu - 8

Xu Xi couldn't sleep as the ship rocked in the tossing and turning waves amid howling winds, threatening to turn over.

It was the year 1636, and she had been chosen by the emperor Kang Xi to travel to America for a student exchange, along with a few close friends. A mixture of excitement and worry surrounded her as her hammock shook and jostled. The humid August wind blew in through the rickety ceiling. Time went slowly aboard the ship; although it had only been a day, it felt like a year had passed.

As the storm raged on and on, a huge wave tipped Xu Xi's bag over. As she ran over to pick it up, BOOM! Thunder and lightning filled the sky, the noise ringing in her ears. Suddenly, a stroke of lightning and the ship's navigational equipment was chopped in half, smoke rising from it. Nobody had a compass and neither did they know where they were. As the chattering noise grew weaker, all that was left was the lightning. Everyone was worried, scared that the waves would drown them all; frightened that they would get lost.

The captain paced along the rail, attempting to think of a way to get them out of the situation. As he struggled, a thought popped up in Xu Xi's head.

"Captain, don't the life boats have compasses?" She asked, approaching the captain.

"Genius idea!"the captain said, realizing what XuXi was thinking.

But things did not go as planned. When they got onto the lifeboats and rowed out to sea, they saw that their compasses had either lost a needle or weren't even there. Murmurs arose from the crew. The whispers all sounded scared.

Just as they were about to lose hope, a wave the size of five lifeboats nearly drowned them. Xu Xi started panicking and tried to get help from her friends. "Somewhere in the Northern Hemisphere?" one had answered. Worst of all, a wave almost toppled the boat. Losing her balance, Xu Xi accidentally kicked her backpack open and then, a miracle happened. A bronze compass fell out of her open bag...

"I've got a compass!" She yelled over the wind, grasping it tightly in her palms.

"Okay! Row your boat to mine!" The captain yelled.

As she held out the compass, everyone inched closer for a better view. It looked like a bronze spoon on a metal circle on a square. On the circle it said \mathcal{F} , on the square it said $\dot{\mathbb{F}}$, which meant heaven and earth, the spoon represented the Big Dipper, a constellation that has two stars always pointing to the north.

As Xu Xi held it in her hands, the compass started spinning wildly and pointed north. "Mm., I predict we are facing the west, in the Pacific Ocean, 1000 kilometers from where we started," the captain said. "So the nearest port is....." he trailed off, thinking. ...HongKong!We can fuel up and fix our ship!" "Great idea! Let's go!"XuXi exclaimed.

That night, the wind didn't howl, the ship didn't rock. Even the waves and the wind seemed tired. At last everyone dozed off peacefully for the first time.

Supper Battery

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Fan, Elle – 7

Have you been in this situation before?

It was one sunny morning, I ate all my breakfast, egg, bread, and milk and I finished all my homework, math, writing, vocabulary, and Chinese. I saw a big smile on my mom's face, she said "Please go get ready, we are going to your first tennis class." I was so excited, that I rushed to my closet, and put on a beautiful dress and new tennis shoes. We didn't have time to waste and ran out the door. We couldn't find the place, so I thought to use Google Maps on my mom's phone, everything was going well until I opened her phone, and bad news, I saw the phone was 1% on battery, we were both afraid it would run out, my mom panicked she jump up and down, and looked left and right, but I was calm and thinking what if we have a battery that would never run out, that would be great.

It was COVID-19, we couldn't go to school, and everyone had to stay at home, so we had Zoom classes. I remember one time my teacher asked us a question and I raised my hand, and the teacher asked me to answer, I was just about to open my mouth, suddenly my iPad went black, then my whole family panicked, my mom, dad, grandma, grandpa and even my little brother, but I was calm and thinking what if we have a battery that would never run out, that would be great.

China invented a super battery that will never have to charge in the year 2024, it is very small and very light, and everybody can get one for free, after you get it, you have to open the battery and then make a wish that you never have to charge it then close the battery to activate it, then fix it in your phone, iPad, or anything that uses power. The battery is so good, it helped everyone.

It helped my dad because my dad put the battery on the baby carriage, and then dad didn't need to push my little brother going uphill. It helped my mom because my mom put the battery in the vacuum cleaner, and it will clean the house forever. It helped my little brother, he could play games and watch videos on his iPad and didn't need to charge again.

People invented battery boats, battery cars, and battery planes, so we don't have to waste oil, and our earth will not be spoiled by dirty air. People invented battery wheelchairs to help the elderly to move around faster, people invented battery robots to deliver food and toilet paper to help our community. This battery is the best invention of 2024, it helped so many people and our planet, and it creates so many opportunities, I love it! Did you get yours yet?

Elixir of Life?

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Fan, Jacky - 8

I'm just an ordinary 10-year-old kid, and my parents are both Chinese doctors. Because my parents spend pretty much all their time working, they can't supervise me all the time. Which means...I can cause chaos in my house, and no one cares! My parents also say that I don't have common sense, but I have all 5 senses anyway, so why are they telling me this? Are my senses rare or something? Anyway, let me tell you about the time when my chaos-making went a little too far.

We live in a half-clinic, half-home. The front part is the clinic, where my parents help their patients. The back side is our home, where I cause chaos. There's a huge wall in our home with 100 drawers filled to the brim with Chinese herbal medicine. There's also a secret room in my home that my parents don't let me go in. They say that the stuff in there can be lethal to kids.

One afternoon, I was so hungry I could eat a horse. I felt immense pain in my stomach after eating 22 pieces of chicken nuggets. My parents were busy, so I was randomly walking around my house to find medicine to cure my stomachache, but I couldn't find anything. I was tired, and I leaned on the wall, which turned out to be the entrance to the secret room! All that was in the room was a shelf with different kinds of bottles on it. One particular bottle stood out like a sore thumb because it had the word "Elixir of Life" on it. I ate it since my stomach felt like it was about to explode. Suddenly, I started to yawn, and before you know it, quicker than you can say owww, my stomach hurts so much I fell down onto the floor, unconscious.

I woke up and saw my parents churning something in a blazing cauldron. They put sulphur, saltpetre, realgar, and honey in the cauldron one by one. What? I saw them wearing old—timey clothes, just like in the Han dynasty of China. They were in the middle of a conversation. I overheard my dad saying, "The Emperor asked us to make the Elixir of Life. Hope this prescription works!" I realised something crazy. My mom and dad are more than 2000 years old!

All of a sudden, the cauldron blew up.

I stuttered, "I ate the Elixir of Life, too! I think I might blow up!"

My stomach started rumbling and my body started to hiss. I closed my eyes and said, "I guess this is it for me..."

I shrieked and opened my eyes. It seems that I realised something. It was all just a nightmare except for the part where my stomach hurt a lot at the start. I heard my mum yelling, "WHO ATE THE VITAMINS?!"

Wait? Didn't I eat the Elixir of Life?

"Elixir of Life is a brand name of vitamins. You seriously don't know?" My mum facepalmed.

Well, is this chaotic enough? This is an average day in my life.

New Tales of China's Inventions

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Hong, Annie – 7

Once upon a time, there was a clever and curious girl named Zuchuini. She lived in a samll village in China and loved to create things. One sunny day, while Zuchini was picking juicy peaches, she discovered a piece of soft silk in her pocked. Her eyes sparkled with excitement as she imagined what she could make with it.

With her quick fingers and creative mind, Zuchini started to sew the silk into a beautiful bag, She carefully stitched every seam, making sure it was well—made and sturdy. But as she finished the last stitch, the bag started tp transform before her eyes!

The bag became weightless, as light as a feather, and it could change its. when it rained, the bag magically turned into a colorful umbrella, keeping Zuchini dry and cozy. But that was not all, where the bag even had another incredible power. It could change its colors to match Zuchini mood, bringing joy and happiness to her heart.

Zuchini carried it with her everywhere, and it quickly became her most treasured bag. However, something strange started happening. Each day, Zuchini noticed that one peach she had collected was mysteriously disappearing, she became worried and wondered who could be taking her peaches. One day, as she peeked through her window, Zuchini saw a new group of neighbours who had recently moved into the village. She was really curious about what was happening, but she felt too shy to go near the crowd, But guess what? Her special bag , with its magic eyes, could see everything that was going on! Since then, Zuchini named her amazing creation the X-RAYMUW bag since she discovered her bag possessed the x-ray vision, ability in controlling people's mood and changing itself to an umbrella and it was light in weight.

The next morning, Zuchini saw a suspicious spy hiding in her backyard, She felt really scared and her heart started to beat fast, but her special bag sensed she was worried and turned a soothing shade of green, it seemed to tell her everything would be fine. All of a sudden, surprising thing happened, the water sprinklers in the yard turned on, and that made the sneaky person jump. since the spy did not have umbrella or waterproof clothes, he had to quickly run away.

Zuchini started paying even more attention and her bad changed color to red whenever there was danger nearby.she peeked ouat her window and saw the people from the new neigbor's house. They were looking at a sign that showed all the a,mazing things her X-RAYMUW bag could do. Zuchini could not understand how they found out about her invention, but she knew she had to keep it a secret.

As time passed, the suspicious spy stopped causing trouble, Zuchini felt safe agine. She realized that her bag wasn't just for her own enjoyment. It could help others too. So, she decided to make more bags and sell them to 'people in her village. she wanted to share the joy and protection her bag brought.

People loved her magical bags!they kept people dry in the rain and made smile. Everyone wanted to have one. Zuchini felt really proud of her invention. She believed that her creativity and the creativity of others could make a big difference.

Zuchini's story spread everywhere, inspiring people to be creative and share their own invention. Her bag became a symbol of hope and possibility. It showed everyone that even small ideas can have brought happiness to so many people. And they all lived happily ever after.

Magic Compass from Mars

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Hu, Aiden – 7

Two friends were ready to go on a rocket, one of them was a friendly boy called Owen, the other was his friend named Mandy. They were all astronauts.

That day, they were ready to go to Mars for the first time. People cheered through the rocket windows. Their parents wished them good luck. In the rocket, Owen and Mandy were getting used to the furniture in the rocket. It was very different from their Own house!! When they finally landed on Mars. It was all dusty and rocky on the surface. They wandered around, trying to find some Mars rocks. After a while, Owen noticed they had walked a long way away from their rocket cause they were already in a cave. Mandy was a little frustrated but was not very far from Owen, and she told him, "I found a magic stone that could detect Mars' magnetic field!"

A compass could also do that on Earth! Mandy remembered that the compass works by having a magnet in it that could detect South and North magnetic fields on Earth. It helps you in navigation and finding directions. In ancient China (2000 BC – 1AD), it was first used in Feng Shui. When the first compass was built during the Han Dynasty, people began using ladle—and—bowl shaped compasses for divination and geomancy, but not yet for navigation. This compass resembles a spoon and a plate. When placed on the ground, the handle of the spoon faces south. In the Song Dynasty (960 AD–1279 AD), people finally started to use compasses for navigation. Mandy thought the stone was like a compass, but how can they make it work on Mars?

Mandy planned to build a ladle—and—bowl shaped compass. Owen said, "Let's make a Mars compass since the magic stone was kind of ladle—shaped. We could use Mars' rocks to make a flat bowl to stand the magic stone—ladle." They started off to collect Mars' rocks. In the middle of collecting, Mandy barked "WHERE IS THE FLATTEST ROCK!!??". Owen replied "Mandy, calm down! It's RIGHT HERE!" Mandy dashed like a rocket blasting off to see the big flat rock. Mandy looked and looked till She noticed that Owen really found a very perfect rock for the size of the magic stone. First, Mandy used her hammer tool in her astronaut suit to make the flat rock steady so it won't be wobbly. Second was to put the magic stone on it. They worked out the Second step as fast as lightning. The compass was shaped like a miniature pyramid with small rectangular handles. To make the magic compass work, they put it on the ground like the ancient times, and now they knew which way South of Mars!

With the direction from the magic compass, they found their rocket! Owen was trying to steer the rocket when he noticed that the rocket's controls were still working properly. They steered it back to Earth safely. On the way back, Owen and Mandy realized that the magic compass could direct them back to Earth as well! 'Can the compass work on the whole solar system?'

What is their next adventure? Let's find out!

Digging the Way to the Adventurous Journey to the 24th Province

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Huang, Jason - 7

Dig! Digg! Digggg! The sound of drilling and digging into a new piece of land in the heart of China has just begun. Dayong walked into the construction site and searched around to make sure everything was alright, and every worker was on task. Just then he met Xi Jinping, the president of China.

"Mr. Xi, thank you for your trust in my new project!" said Dayong as they arrived. "This is the new heart of China, introducing to you the 24th province, *Xingfu*. This new land is created to safeguard the nation's historical treasures and bring China's past history back to life."

Mr. Xi's eyes widened with wonder at the magnificent architecture, in front of his sight was the Forbidden City. "As this looks like it's no longer *forbidden* now. It's for students to learn and study, it used to be where the Ming emperor lived, built in 1406." The outside is covered with bricks and gold, on the inside, it's for students to study to become knowledgeable people in the future.

"That's right! It's now a stage for students to unravel the treasures in the past. Follow me here, it will take us to the next wonder of the Terracotta Warriors." As Dayong, Mr. Xi and the team lead the way. In front was a life sized warrior. "Here will be board games with the Terracotta Warriors in the Qin dynasty. Moreover, there will also be historical games," explained Dayong. "It is important that we can make students more knowledgeable and our country will be stronger. Making learning fun and enjoyable for tourists and locals!"

As Mr. Xi nodded and grinned, "This district is for the students to study and research. The population should be estimated to be 60,000 people! The funding will be provided, the purpose to help the poor students and anyone who is keen on learning. There will be free education for students to explore and learn the ancient wonders of China."

Dayong continued with his orders, "Everyone, let's make a copy of The Great Wall. It's important that we can make this place safer to work and study so more students will come here. What's the purpose of The Great Wall?" The Great Wall was built 3000 years ago! Moreover, the purpose of The Great Wall is not only about learning, it's also protecting our country from intruders."

"Wonderful! The Great Wall can travel to other countries and trade goods, the Great Wall is 8,850 kilometres long," said Dayong.

"Should we do something like technology?"

"No, if we have too much technology, our Chinese culture will be lost! We must not be overwhelmed by technology!" explained Dayong.

The crew worked tirelessly, pouring their heart and soul into every detail of the province. As they went back to the workstation, Dayong and the workers put on the VR headsets and looked for the future of *Xingfu* province. The citizens were getting smarter and more knowledgeable.

Typhoon Hit and the Weather-Resistant Protective Suit

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Hung, Aston – 8

"Oh no! It's still pouring outside," sighed Aston. Today was Saturday, Aston usually went out and had fun with his friends. However, due to Typhoon Yamper that hit Hong Kong yesterday, causing fallen trees and flooding in many areas, he had to stay home reluctantly. Now, what he could do was to keep an eye on the news on TV and pray for the departure of Yamper as soon as possible.

The time and date shown on the upper left corner of the news was 11:38 a.m., 7th September 2030 (Saturday). A news reporter was standing in a flooded area, reporting the news. Next to him, there was a big, collapsed tree. As Aston was looking at the scene diligently, he found it

very familiar. "Isn't that the street across from my house?" exclaimed Aston. Soon he swiftly walked to the window and looked outside. Indeed, a large tree had fallen on the other side. Next to the collapsed tree was the news reporter on TV. He was doing a live news broadcast, busy reporting the current condition.

Thankfully, after the experience of Typhoon Saola hit and the severe flooding caused by the black rainstorm seven years ago in 2023, there had been a ground—breaking invention: a high—tech waterproof protective suit designed specifically for people (e.g. street cleaners, news reporters, policemen, firemen, etc.) working in harsh weather conditions. This suit can protect the wearer's body from the obstacles being washed away by floodwater. The protective suit has many extraordinary features. It is super thin and lightweight, made of flexible stainless steel. It has a temperature control design to keep the wearer warm and an anti—slip design that allows the wearer to stand steadily in floodwater. Although it is lightweight and thin, it is highly durable and can resist external forces without easily getting damaged.

Typhoon Yamper approached Hong Kong sneakily at midnight on Friday, starting from typhoon signal no. 3 at 2:41 a.m. This seemingly ordinary typhoon was getting more and more raging, and finally soared to a super typhoon within fifteen minutes! Typhoon signal no. 8 was raised at 2:56 a.m. unexpectedly. Yamper was hovering until evening on Friday when typhoon signal no. 9 came into force at 6:30 p.m. Showing no signs of weakening, Yamper continued to surge to typhoon signal no. 10 after thirty—seven minutes at 7:07 p.m. on Friday alongside the accompanying black rainstorm.

After almost another twelve hours of hitting, Typhoon Yamper gradually weakened to typhoon signal no. 8 at 6:38 a.m. today. Then further downgraded to typhoon signal no. 3 at 3:19 p.m. All typhoon signals were removed at 11:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Aston was still upset because the situation of fallen trees was severe, and there was widespread flooding on the streets. "Oh no! I still cannot go out," shouted Aston with disappointment. Putting his hands together in a praying gesture, Aston was making a wish hoping the street cleaners could clear all the fallen trees in a heartbeat with the help of the protective suit so that he could meet up with his friends on Sunday.

BAMBOOzled

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Lai, Henry -8

The sky was as dark as black ink, and the sun was obscured by factory smoke. The year was 3024, and the Earth was facing a massive problem. For decades, humanity has been hurting planet Earth with factories, rubbish and vehicles. Global temperatures were over 50 degrees Celsius, and winters were extinct along with many animals. As a result, life on Earth was nearly impossible. People were starting to give up, and this was where my team and I came in.

My name is Dr. Lai, and my team of scientists and I have been asked to invent a new renewable form of energy. While other countries have given up, China was determined to help. We worked tirelessly in our state—of—the—art lab, which had 16,384 machines, every kind of tool and hundreds of touchscreen monitors.

"Oh no! That's another failure..." I heard one of my teammates shout. I couldn't help but sigh, "We've been trying for years...maybe it's time to give up." My heart sank in my chest as I said these words. I was on the verge of crying, but I took a deep breath to try and calm down.

I left my lab feeling devastated. I wanted to cheer up, so I went to my favourite place...the zoo. This was the only zoo left in the world, and was the only place people could see real animals. It reminded me of the old days, when people could still go outside and see simple creatures like dogs, cats, birds or even insects. The one animal that always cheers me up is the giant panda — one of China's most powerful symbols.

While watching the pandas, I remembered the plans to move everyone to Mars, "That is going to be awful...I have failed..." I muttered. Suddenly, I realized the pandas had enough energy from bamboo. Bamboo also grows quickly and easily, so there would be no problem producing enough on a mass level. I rushed back to the lab to do some tests to investigate. First, I squeezed the juices out of the bamboo. Next, I added one drop of sesame oil, and stirred everything together. I added the mixture into my car's gas tank and...it worked! The car roared to life. I presented my breakthrough findings to world leaders at a UN Summit. As I stood on stage, my hands shook and my stomach started to ache. My legs were like jelly, and my heart was a bass drum in my chest.

It worked! China's bamboo fuel started being used internationally, from cars, planes and ships to factories and rockets. After this, global temperatures lowered and nature thrived. Best of all, the Mars plan got cancelled. To this day, I still worry about one thing. Even though Earth has been saved, how can we be sure global warming does not happen again? People need to do their part to keep Earth healthy.

A Switzerland Adventure

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Lang, Miles – 7

One day in the morning, a new teacher came to the Class. "Hello everyone, I'm Ms. Hui, your new Chinese teacher." The new teacher continued. "I come from China but I like English very much. So I came to America to be a Chinese teacher. Nice to meet you!"

The Chinese Class started. Ms. Hui taught Kipper and his friends how the compass was made. The students liked the compass. However, Kipper didn't really understand. So Ms. Hui gave him a compass to look into details. At this time, the bell rang. It was recess. The children ran out and played.

At night, Kipper slept with the compass.

When Kipper fell asleep, the Magic Key glowed. Kipper and his toys were caught into the Magic House. Kipper and his toys became bears! The Magic Key brought them to an airport. One of Kipper's toy said:" Let's get on the flight to Switzerland. The Fantastic Bears Picnic 2024 will be held there!"

They all went on the airplane to Switzerland.

Suddenly the airplane had no fuel. Kipper and his toys had to land in the middle of a forest. A BIG forest. A flight attendant came and gave Kipper and all the passengers each a map and said: "There is a bus stop in the south. Let's leave here as fast as possible!"

When everyone was scared and couldn't find the direction, Kipper took out the compass. It help them go South.

"Woooooo...!" Suddenly, Kipper heard some animal crying. They were hungry wolves! Kipper and the passengers ran and ran and ran and ran. At last, they were at the bus stop. Luckily, the bus just arrived. Kipper and his toys jumped onto the bus so the hungry wolves couldn't catch them.

Finally, Kipper and his toys arrived at the Fantastic Bears Picnic on time. They found a place and sat down. They enjoyed the music and food there. "Oh! Look at that bear on the stage!" Kipper said: "I know him! I've read all of his books!"

"Boom! Boom!" a volcano one kilometre's away exploded! The lava flowed quickly towards the Fantastic Bears Picnic. One bear said: "the airport is in the South. Let's run!" But It was already 9 o'clock at night and it was too dark. Kipper took out his compass again. He led the bears to run towards the south. After the crazy running, they finally got to the airport. Luckily, the airplane just arrived. Kipper and all of the bears got on the airplane and escaped.

"That's scary!" Kipper said, "Thanks to the compass so that we can escape!" At this time, the magic key glowed. Kipper and his toys went back to Kipper's bed.

The next day, Kipper told Biff and Chip his adventures at night. Biff said: "I can't believe that you had a magic adventure that night." Chip said: "Well, It was just a dream."

Sam and the Sabertooth

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Li, Junyi – 9

"Oh no!" Sam shouted angrily. "I am late for class!" He ran like he was on fire! As he walked to school, he looked around and suddenly saw a rock that was shaped like a sabertooth tiger. He loved historical animals which interested him to touch it. The rock moved a little. Sam started spinning faster and faster. Eventually he fell on his knees.

Sam yelled, "What is this place!" He saw a compass on the ground and curiously picked it up. Suddenly a sabertooth jumped out. Sam ran and ran until he could no longer see it. He sat down sadly, "I can't see my school and my family ever again."

He suddenly saw the sabertooth again. He shouted, "Stay away from me!" The sabertooth replied, "Ride on my back." Sam hesitated and jumped onto the Sabertooth's back. A strange noise came out of the forest. Sam said bravely, "It's nothing but the wind." Suddenly a man jumped out of a thorny bush and tied up Sam and the sabertooth.

The sabertooth wanted to rip the rope and the man that tied them up, but he couldn't. The guy said, "I am Dr.See the best doctor in the world!" His golden coat makes Sam quiver. Sam decided to escape. The next morning, Sam saw a knife that was as sharp as a shark's tooth. Sam crawled towards the knife and grabbed it. He didn't even hesitate as he cut the rope and ran.

He touched the sabertooth and disappeared. Sam shouted, "Where am I?" Suddenly Sam saw a panda and asked for help, "I am lost in this forest!" The panda told him to use the compass. He turned the spoon. The golden spoon shimmered in the shiny sun. "This was a navigational instrument. The compass was invented by the Chinese between the 2nd century BC and 1st century AD", the panda said cheerfully!

"Stop!" Sam felt very bored. He said goodbye to the panda and walked out of the mysterious forest. He found the sabertooth waiting outside for him. The sabertooth gave Sam some bamboo paper and a piece of gold that had printing on it. He touched the sabertooth which brought him home.

He cheered happily, "Home is the best!" He took out the bamboo paper that the sabertooth gave him. He thought "I wonder how the Chinese people can make it."

Sam went to his bedroom running like he was on fire. He brought a time travel watch that his dad gave him and touched the stone again. He told the watch to take him to the dark forest. Sam looked at his watch and cried, "Wow! I'm in the future!" He decided to write a letter to himself in the future.

When he finished, he gave it to the future postman. When Sam in the future read the message he told Sam to come to his house. They lived happily ever after!

I Have A Dream

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Lin, Anson – 7

Wow, I was flying on a paper plane. The wind was as sharp as needles piercing through my skin. Shocked, I could only remember I was sitting in the library and reading the history book.

The plane flew through the colourful time river, landed in a huge building named 'the ancestral temple' built by the order of the Emperor of Zhou Dynasty. Suddenly, someone patted my shoulder. When I turned around nervously, I saw a man dressed like a monk. He told me that his name was Jamon and was from the eastern island over the sea. He came with a mission to bring back the Chinese characters. Walking around, he was thrilled to find a huge tripod carved with Chinese characters. He tried many times to move the tripod but failed as the tripod was very heavy. In the corner, some oracle bones were lying on the table. He bagged all these bones though there were only a few Chinese characters written on them.

Then we heard noises from the second floor and we walked up. On the balcony, we saw many staff setting fire to burn bamboo scrolls, which were so many and all written with words. People were crying out when moving bamboo scrolls because of the weight. Not quite understanding what they were doing, we were scared and turned back, dashed to the third floor.

A man holding some papers at hand cried with joy. Seeing the white paper at his hands, Jamon and I were extremely excited and stunned. The man was very kind to us and said his name was "Cai Lun". The paper made by him feels so soft as we touch it. The words written on the paper were 'The process of producing paper'. Cai Lun said, Paper is made from wood, specifically from the bark of the wingceltis as well as other materials like rice straws and plant ash. It took eight steps to produce paper. On the paper was the producing procedures:

(1) Steam and boil the rice straws for 15 hours; (2) Dry the rice straws in yards for half a year; (3) Hull the wingceltis bark; (4) Pounding rice straws; (5) Cut the bark; (6) Trampling; (7) Wash the trampled trunks. (8) Mix the rice straws and trampled wingceltis bark; (9) Dreg the mixture in water; (10) Squeeze the water out; (11) Put the paper in the sun for a few hours; (12) Cut the paper into pieces.

And there you would have a finished stack of paper. The ending sentence was a quote "It is shallow you learn on paper; It is deep you learn through practice."

Cai Lun passed the paper to Jamon, Jamon was thrilled and said he dont know how to express his gratefulness.

Lying on the history book, I woke up, and knew it was a dream. I feel so proud that "Paper" is one of the greatest inventions the Chinese have invented. I dream that in the future, we Chinese will have more inventions which could change the world just like paper.

Chuanfu and Clean Energy

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Lin, Emma - 8

The city stood in a lonesome greyness. The air seems to have a certain indescribable denseness that looms over the bustling streets of Shanghai. Through the thick fog, Chuanfu could see puffs of smoke ejecting from the traffic jam. Chuanfu, touched by the scene, thought about Shanghai before it was invaded by gasoline cars: the sky was bluer and the trees were greener, fuller.

Cars are an irreplaceable element of daily life, especially in big cities like ShangHai where you need to drive around hundreds of miles to get through the city.

Chuanfu thought, if robots could be electronic, why couldn't cars? Since pollution is caused by carbon dioxide created by gasoline cars, electric cars won't need gasoline, and wouldn't cause any pollution! Inspired by his vision, Chuanfu thought about all the knowledge he accumulated in school: from Newton's law of physics to chemistry, he designed, edited and created a model of his thinking.

Inspired, he wanted to reach out to start making his dream a reality. He reached out to his old classmate, Robert, who's always been passionate at building new inventions. Sharing his idea with Robert inspired him too! Soon, Robert and Chuanfu started working together to build a draft for an electric vehicle.

This is a long process that started with drawing drafts. They compared necessary elements of a gasoline car with their imaginary car and thought about what could be used to replace gasoline. Chuanfu came up with using solar power as an environmentally friendly way of creating power.

"But, Shanghai is so cloudy, there's no sun at all", pointed out Robert.

Sighing in realisation, the long search began. Robert and Chuanfu searched through libraries for research papers, studies and articles on power generators for cars without the use of gasoline.

"Aha!", Chuanfu held up an article in victory before handing it to Robert. "This is our solution! Using batteries instead of gasoline would enable the engine to function normally while reducing air pollution!".

They got to work. Toiling hours away at factories, the two friends experimented with different types of batteries and how to place it onto the vehicle. They failed, many many times but they never thought of giving up. They practised their crafts dedicatedly, from attaching pipes to constructing the body of the car, they managed to learn how to build a car by themselves despite having little experiences. Robert's engineering experience was very helpful, as he was an expert on diffusing the excessive heat generated by the battery and the engine.

After years of dedication, Chuanfu unveils his final product — a brand new electric car painted in a glistening matte black. Driving off in his new car in the Shanghai landscape, the words "Build Your Dream" shone from the car's back as a reminder to the world that they should all believe in themselves and work towards their goals.

The Amazing Adventure of James

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Lo, Matthias - 8

One day, James woke up and realised that he was in a somewhat, antique house. He was horror—struck. The room seemed to look grim, and also had a stale and unpleasant smell. He then thought "Oh my goodness, where on earth am I?" Gingerly, James slided out from the creaky bed and headed towards the door, which was was literally beside the bed. Upon opening the door, it was an unbelieveable sight, r—i—c—kshaws! Replacing cars!A nightmare! People all over were dressed in chinese clothes, which looked exactly like the pictures he had seen, in his books. Puzzled, although without any footwear, he raced through the street, where all the pedestrians and "cycle—rickshaws" were just as confused and even had bewildered looks upon their faces!

Suddenly, he saw some men in front of him. James stopped and asked, "Who are you and what are you doing?" they answered, "We are monks and are on a quest to find a life extending elixir! Then who are you and what are you doing?" "You're about to find a propellant called gunpowder!", said James. The monks questioned, "Are you telling the truth and how do you know?" "Because I'm from the future!" James exclaimed. The monks looked confused and didn't believe him. After a while, the monks met their friend, Tao Hongjing and talked about James.

The monks started to wonder about the person they met just now. Suddenly, their tummies started to rumble. They felt hungry and went to get cheese. Then, a monk knocked over some elemental sulfur, and he also dropped his cheese. Finally, the cheese and the saltpeter fell into the side of the bowl full of ingredients. Pow! The monk grabbed his cup of water and poured it into the fire.

The monks told the King that a boy predicted the invention of gunpowder, and that it really happened. He was so amazed that he fell off his throne. The King said, "Bring him to me immediately!"

James was amazed when he saw the King. The King questioned, "So, you can predict the future. Right?" "Yes, sir." James said. "Then, is there something special happening in the future? Can you tell me?" The King asked. James answered "A person called Tao Hongjing is going to note that saltpeter burns with a purple flame, and gunpowder was the only known chemical explosive until the mid-19th centuries. That's all I got." The King laughed and exclaimed, "Excellent! I will feast with you!!"

James was very excited when he heard what the king said. He jumped for joy and rushed to the dining room, but when he was walking to the dining room, he heard a sound. Whrrr! He reassured himself and said, "Oh, it's nothing!"He heard it again, and this time it was even louder! WWWWHHHRRRR!!! He looked back, and it was a WORMHOLE! He tried to run, but it still sucked him. A few seconds later, he found himself in his bedroom. "Well, that was an awesome adventure!"

Future Fantasy Life

Victoria Shanghai Academy, She, William - 7

"Heehee!Haahaa!" giggled William. Whispers and lowered laughter broke the stillness of the silent night. William was tossing and turning all night.he was still in state of euphoria and could not fall asleep. Suddenly, he sat up from bed and decided to write down what had happened today in his diary .

Saturday, 22 October 2050 my birthday 11:28 pm Dear diary

Today, I was thrilled to bits! My friends and I had planned to have some fun at Megaso Space. We had originally agreed to meet there at 11:00 –11:07 in the morning but when I stepped out of my House, it was already 10:03–11:00. Therefore, without hesitation, I hopped onto my newly launched luxury car, "Teches" and activated the floating mode read my mind, "Megaso Space" WHOOSH! It took me to my destination in no time.

Megaso Space is an amusement park. We were riding motorcycles until one suddently broke down and we could not continue playing. However, my friends were still enthusiastic and didn't want to go back home so I suggested we can spend our day on my luxury car.

Teches is the latest model of electric cars, equipped with the bleeding-edge technology of floating function which utilises the mechanism of magnetism. The built-in innovative technology system can read the passenger's mind. Together with it's full automation and navigation features, this car rendered "driverless" can transport the passengers to their desired destination. Thanks to this great invention traffic jams were thing of the past and higher speed limit allows for a swift and efficient commute

Teches has many decks ,some decks houses a mini sport room. We choose to play the first deck which boasts a mini football room. After a while we were all soaked with sweat. However, this would not stop my friends' enthusiasm to explore the second deck which holds a mini basketball room. Since we were still exhausted from the previous football game, we gave the basketball a miss and climbed up to the third deck right away. There, they were all astonished by the gorgeous mini golf room.

We all had blast playing there, and I won lots of games. We played all day and finally said goodbye with a mixed feelings of fatigue and fulfillment.

As we're leaving, my friends expressed their describe to experience the floating mode of my hi–tech. Luxury car. Without disappointment, I gave them a ride one by one. They we'r like a dog with two tails and were very grateful for the opportunity to experience such a novel and exciting car.

William

It took about an hour to complete this diary entry. Now, he finally felt sleepy.he would sleep like a baby and have sweet dreams after such a wonderful day.

My Unforgettable Trip to Beijing

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Tam, Avery -8

"This is the most boring place in the world!" I mumbled to myself as I strolled around in the Museum of Chinese History of Beijing. All I saw were displays of Chinese calligraphy, paintings, jades and ceramics. I tried to urge my Dad to walk faster but he was too busy explaining the complicated history to my curious brother.

My Mom noticed that I was impatient. So, she suggested a game to me, "Avery, find something interesting in this museum and tell me the story behind it. I will give you a present at the Universal Studio as a reward!"

All of a sudden, I felt energetic and hurried across the room as if I was playing a treasure hunt. Then, a humongous bronze barrel decorated with eight dragons facing down in eight directions caught my attention. The dragons' mouths were wide—opened each with a small bronze ball in it. Right beneath the dragons, there were mouth wide—opened bronze toads facing upward at the dragons. Next to the barrel, the description said, "Earthquake detector invented by Zang Heng of the Han dynasty."

Suddenly, there was a mysterious ray of light seeping out from behind a secret black curtain next to the earthquake detector. In curiosity, I wandered inside and in a blink of an eye, I was in a room that looked like the imperial court of the ancient Han dynasty! In front of me was Zhang Heng working concentratedly on what looked like the earthquake detector.

Next to Zhang Heng, a man wearing a Chinese Han costume stared sternly at me and snapped, "Shhhh! Be quiet! Don't disturb my master. He is creating his latest invention."

Then, I heard another man who dressed like a Chinese imperial official criticised, "This machine is not going to work. We all know that earthquakes happen because God wants to punish us for doing something wrong."

"There are earthquakes because the tectonic plates of the Earth slide past each other creating friction and releasing energy in waves which makes the land vibrate!" I spoke proudly.

As I wished to explain more, the ground started to grumble and shake violently. Everybody in the room was terrified and running away. I immediately zoomed out of the room and to my surprise, I was back to the museum again. While my heart was still pounding, I ran to my mom and exclaimed, "Mom, I just went back in time!"

My mom chuckled, "Silly girl, that is China's latest technology. A virtual reality room without using VR goggles! You just have too much imagination!"

I turned my head back and spotted the sign next to the black curtains: latest virtual reality experience – visiting Zhang Heng of the Han dynasty. My face turned red with embarrassment. Afterall, the museum tour was one of the most memorable visits of my trip.

Paper Magic

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Tang, Chenhan – 7

Long, long ago in China, there was a king who noticed a significant problem with trading. See, if you wanted something really cool, like a dragon kite or a shiny rock, but the person with the kite or rock didn't want what you had, then no trading happened. The king didn't like this at all. So, he summoned his loyal servants and said, "Let's host the biggest carnival ever!"

Then, in the middle of all the fun, the king stood up and announced, "Listen, everyone! I've got a challenge for you. Solve the trading issue in one month, and you will be rewarded 20kg of shiny gold!" People from all over the kingdom heard the news, and faster than a squirrel climbing a tree, they signed up for the big contest.

Now, people had some really wild ideas. One person thought about using shells, but that was kind of like finding candy on the ground—it's already yours and not fair. Someone else said, "Hey, let's use white deerskin!" But then people realized if they hunted all the white—skinned deer, there would be no more money left. Some people thought of using coins, but they were too heavy. Imagine carrying a mountain of coins just to buy something fun. Then, a super smart guy had the most amazing idea—paper!

He did a gazillion experiments and mastered the art of making paper money! It was as light as a cloud, easy to carry, almost like magic, and everyone loved it. The ingenious inventor won the biggest treasure—20 kg of gold! Everybody cheered for him as his hard work had paid off.

The king, being super impressed, said, "You're the boss of making paper money now!" Special ink and stamps were employed to prevent people from making copies. The king made a super important rule—no copying the money, or you go to the timeout place, aka prison.

Then, a man named Marco Polo sailed all the way from Italy to China. He saw the paper money and thought it was cooler than ice cream. So, he sent a letter back to Italy, saying, "Guess what, guys? Paper money is awesome!" Before going back home, Marco Polo went on a wild adventure. He sailed everywhere—Philippine, Australia, South America, North America, Africa—telling everyone about paper money.

Guess what happened next? Almost 70% of the whole world accepted Marco Polo's advice and started using paper money! It spread like giggles in a tickle fight.

Over the next five centuries, paper money went on a trip around the world. It changed everything. People bought and traded things in a whole new way, all because of that smart guy, the king's amazing carnival, and the magical invention—paper money!

The Amazing Time Travel to Ancient China

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Yao, Cindy - 9

This year my birthday gift was a book. The book was about Magnificent Chinese Inventions. Inside it said, our Chinese ancestors have developed lots of brilliant and innovative inventions, such as tea in dietary habits, mortise and tenon structure in architecture, and Chinese language application in Asia. I was so obsessed with the stories in the book.

When I turned to the page of Han dynasty, a dazzle rainbow light shot onto me from the book, and I was suddenly transferred into the time tunnel! It took me instantly to a busy street with many stores. People using beads on rods caught my attention. I went into a crowded store and asked a staff what the tool was. He laughed and said proudly, "it was a new creation called Abacus. Each bead at the bottom represents one unit, and one at the top represents five units. From right to left represents digits from small to big. Abacus could help to count large numbers, so our city became a trade hub." I was surprised that people in Han dynasty had already developed sophisticated mathematics knowledge to benefit their businesses.

I flipped to the page of Tang dynasty and zoomed through the time tunnel again. With serious sounds of bells and drums, I arrived at old ChangAn in a flash. I climbed up a huge mountain, and noticed farmers growing crops there. The mountain reshaped into multiple layers like steps. I was curious and asked them why they would grow crops on the mountain, they replied, "it was called the Terrace Fields. Before using this method, water and nutrients in soil would gradually loss from the top of the mountain to the bottom. Farmers who grew crops in drought came to the mountains and used their own knowledge to create Terrace Fields. Terrace Fields can richly reserve water and nutrients, finally we can grow crops on mountains." His words made me realise that people in Tang dynasty have developed numerous ideas to outcompete environmental challenges in cultivation and agriculture.

I accidentally dropped the book and turned to the page of Ming dynasty, the light glowed again. This time I found myself sitting on a rock in a valley and an old man was writing a book beside me. I was interested in the book and he named the book Ben Cao Gang Mu. He introduced to me his name was ShiZhen Li. Then he explained to me after travelling many places and discussed with people from different ethnicities in China, he spent twenty six years summarising the correct herb applications to cue different diseases. He wished this book could help more people overcome intractable diseases. ShiZhen Li's spirit of persistence and braveness over twenty six years of work truly bedazzled me.

I was yet to ask ShiZhen Li another medical question, suddenly I travelled back to my room with soft bell sounds. It was like a dream, and was truly a joy to see those impressive inventions in my own eyes. Ancient Chinese people's intelligence and the spirit of being innovative and practical in long history really gobsmacked me. I put my book down, and think about what would be invented in the future...



Creative Writing Fiction Group 1

Chinese Medicine Philosophy

Kowloon Rhenish School, Cheang, Wan Ki Angelina – 8

Ming was in a lecture theatre talking to his pharmaceutical students, "I failed many times. I couldn't think of any solution, but an idea from Chinese medicine helped me."

"Your brother has lung cancer. Unfortunately, as you know, we have no medicine to cure him." The doctor said sympathetically.

With no other options, Ming decided to invent a new medicine. Ming was trying to use different ingredients to formulate it, but he couldn't find a combination that could work.

Ming tried lots of times, but he kept on failing. He had run out of ideas, just when he received a message from his brother, "Dear Ming, I know you haven't successfully invented the medicine yet. I don't want to give you pressure but I am so terrified. I think I am getting weaker every day. Maybe I can't wait for your medicine much longer. I am sorry that I am so pessimistic."

When Ming finished reading it, his eyes were full of tears. He was worried and anxious. He didn't want to talk to anyone. He couldn't stop crying. He rubbed his nose and sniffled loudly.

Just then, Ming's friend came looking for him. He comforted him gently and gave him a book about Chinese Medicine.

"My dad is a Chinese medicine practitioner. This is one of the good books that I found on his shelves. There are many more at home. If you need them, I can lend them to you. I am sure you will succeed!"

Ming found the book very useful. It suggested that we could train our bodies to fight against diseases, instead of relying on Western medicines alone.

He brainstormed, "How can I make the body stronger? How can I make it strong enough to kill the cancer cells? What ingredients should I include to make it?"

Ming felt encouraged by the new idea. He thought to himself, "I need to keep going. My brother is waiting for me to help me. I am his only hope."

After another round of attempts, Ming believed he had succeeded. Why? Because without the medicine, the white blood cells couldn't kill the cancer cells. But with the medicine, the cancer cells could be destroyed.

Ming jumped up and down with excitement. He laughed, "I have done it! I need to submit the new medicine to The National Medical Products Administration (NMPA) as soon as possible. I hope they will approve it!"

Fortunately, he received the approval very soon. The doctor decided that his brother could try to use the new medicine.

Ming was excited but nervous. While he was waiting for the news about his brother, he kept walking back and forth along the hospital corridor. What if it made him worse? What if he died?

When the doctor came out, he was smiling and he said, "Your brother is alright now. He can go home a few days later if his condition is stable. Congratulations! Thank you for your medicine. It will bring hope to many patients."

A One of A Kind Balloon

Kowloon Rhenish School, Ko, Cheuk Ki Aiden - 8

Ding Ching is a nine—year—old boy who lives in a village in China. The village is located on a plane near a river. He enjoys his daily life strolling around the greenery and fields with his friends. Whenever they are hungry or thirsty, they can always pick plump and juicy fruits from nearby trees. They can play with goats and feed the cows and even catch frogs from the pond. Sometimes, they even chase chickens in the meadows. They were all very happy until one fateful night.

That night, a continuous rain poured down from the sky. It didn't end until daybreak. Ding Ching and his family did not sleep well due to the thunder and rain. Suddenly, they heard a big push forcing the door. A gush of water toppled down the wooden door and went into the house. All the furniture floated up to the roof as the house was being filled with water. Thankfully, Ding Ching and his parents' bedrooms were on the second floor and the water hasn't risen up to the second floor. Although it was just a matter of time before it would reach them. When Ding Ching and his family knew about this, they quickly maneuvered outside the window and climbed up to the roof. They were all very frightened and waited for a long time for rescue to come, but despite their waiting, they still hadn't arrived. Suddenly, a spark came to Ding Ching's mind. They could invent a new type of balloon which can take them to safety in emergency situations. At that moment, he saw a rescuer paddling a raft coming towards to save them. But when the raft arrived, it soon came to their sense that they couldn't escape together. With a bit of hesitation, Ding Ching separated with his parents, who would reunite with him at the rescue center.

Ding Ching waited hours, but his parents still hadn't arrived. He was extremely worried that they encountered some sort of accident along the way. Then, he realized the need of his new balloon idea which can carry multiple people at once to safety.

In a matter of months, everyone in his village installed his balloon and was fully prepared for an event like this that would happen in the future.

The Egg Machine

Kowloon Rhenish School, Pang, Audriana – 9

I am Piper, I am Rosa's younger cousin, I live in Egg Town. Rosa is a very famous scientist and she has lots of successful projects and won a lot of international prizes. She has a lot of professional friends with her. One day, in a super-secret lab, she stays in the lab and works on her project for six days, it is called the "Egg Machine." She wants to make this machine because it can help the town turn more advance, it can be a faster and efficient to make eggs with low cost.

There have Egg Festival in our town in December, visitors from all over the world will come to town and enjoy our very delicious egg dishes. However, as more people know us, our chef and restaurants are no longer fulfill all the visitors during the Festival. There is a disaster last year, the mayor is too busy at work and chef didn't prepare enough eggs for the visitors.

Now, she is making the model. For tomorrow, she has a meeting with some professional engineers and builders.

The next day, before Rosa's meeting start, Rosa ask me if I can help to buy some magical egg power dust, metal, a giant milk bottle, a hammer and nails for the machine. I think it must be a super special machine that I had never heard!

Rosa told me that the "Egg Machine" doesn't need to use any electricity because it has more than three solar panels at work all the time, it just like a pipe, this is how it works: First, there is a ladder that you could put eggs into the hole of the pipe, then there have a sponge to protect the eggs and safety bring it down and stop at the giant milk bottle with the magical egg powder dust, and cover of the end of the pipe will open and a plate will slide out and the egg will be put on the plate. At last, you can make the egg and get the plate with the eggs. The machine can make different style of the egg, likes scrambled eggs, egg omelets, hard boiled eggs, soft boiled eggs, fried eggs, scrambled eggs, sunny side—up eggs, poached eggs, egg soup, egg pizza, egg sandwiches...

Two months later, the "Egg Machine" is finally finished, Rosa shows how the "Egg Machine" works with the advisement agency. The people in Egg Town loves the "Egg Machine" because it helps to make eggs faster and yummier, if you know, it is the world's yummiest egg you have never know.

The Egg Festival is a big success with the "Egg Machine"! There are enough egg dishes for the visitors, they like the design and want to buy some Egg Machines to their own country to use.

The whole world loved it, there are a lot of comments from different countries, that's another successful invention from Rosa!

Zhang Heng and Seismoscope

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Sze, Chun Ho - 8

Once upon a time, in ancient China, there lived a brilliant scientist named Zhang Heng. Zhang Heng had a great love for numbers and books, and he was always filled with curiosity about earthquakes.

As Zhang Heng grew older, he started inventing things of his own. One of his most famous creations was called a seismoscope. This special device could help people know which direction an earthquake was coming from. The seismoscope was made using a strong metal called bronze. It had eight dragons hanging in different directions, and under each dragon, there was a small ball hanging down. There were also eight toads positioned below the dragons.

One fine day, something extraordinary happened. One of the balls suddenly dropped from the dragon pointing towards the west and landed right into the mouth of a toad under the dragon. Zhang Heng immediately understood the importance and what would happen later on, and rushed to the village in the west to warn the people about the earthquake that will soon come towards them. However, when Zhang Heng arrived, everything appeared normal where everyone was just doing their daily tasks, and the villagers found it hard to believe his warning about the big danger they were in. They thought their village was immune to earthquakes and did not take Zhang Heng's warnings seriously.

Despite no one believing him in his statement, Zhang Heng was determined to keep the citizens of the village safe and protect them. He tried to approach the mayor, hoping to convince him of the danger his entire village was in. Unfortunately, the mayor, too, found it difficult to accept Zhang Heng's claims, ignoring his statements and not believing him, the same way the citizens of the village did towards Zhang Heng. With a heavy heart, Zhang Heng returned to his own village, feeling disappointed but still hopeful that his invention would prove its worth. Little did he know that the very next day when he woke up in the morning, news would spread of a devastating earthquake that had struck the village in the west. Mountains had crumbled, causing huge destruction. The villagers, now realising the accuracy of Zhang Heng's seismoscope, expressed their gratitude and admiration for his help towards the villages. They praised him for his remarkable creation and rewarded him with a generous amount of money.

From that day forward, Zhang Heng's seismoscope became a trusted tool in the villages, serving as an early warning system for earthquakes. It was one of the most powerful and ground—breaking devices in ancient China and now has a great impact on the field of seismology up until today.

Toilet Paper Making by Father and Sons

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Wan, Ting Huen Ashley - 7

Once upon a time, a father and his two sons lived in an ancient Chinese village surrounded by mountains. The family stayed in a little hut made of bamboo and hay. They were farmers who worked from early morning to dawn. In front of the hut the fields were filled with grown crops. In the backyard, there was a little fishpond with pink lotus floating in it.

One sunny day, the father went into the mountains to chop the woods and make a fire for cooking. He chopped the woods into thin pieces and brought them home. While the father was busy in the field, the sons took half of the chopped wood and brought them to the fishpond. They flew the wood pieces in the pond and hit the fish for fun. After a while, father came back and found the wood pieces in the fishpond. He was angry and said, "Stop playing boys! Go and grab the fishing net and bring it to me!". Then the two sons ran back to the hut and got the fishing net for their father. Father took the fishing net and got the wood pieces back. The wood pieces were softened and formed a thin layer on the fishing net. Father hung the fishing net to dry and continued with his cooking.

Next day, the father told the sons to get the fishing net back for catching some fish for cooking. The sons ran to get back the fishing net and found a thin layer of dried pieces on the fishing net. They took it out and found that it looked like a thin sheet of wood. They did not know what to do with it and so they put it aside.

After a while, one of the sons went to the toilet for business. He found that he had no leaves or sticks to wipe his butt. So, he came up with an idea by using that thin sheet of wood to wipe his butt. He thought it was so comfortable and clean to use! Then he ran to the fields to search for his father and told him his wonderful experience. His father was amazed and decided to make the thin sheets of wood again for using it in the toilet every day. That thin sheet of wood then became the first generation of "Toilet Paper".

In the old days the toilet paper was so rough and unhygienic to use because they used raw wood to make it. But nowadays, because of better technology to make wood pulp and purify it, the toilet paper is clean and smooth. It becomes our daily necessity. Thanks to Chinese people who invented toilet paper to make our lives a lot easier!

New Tales of China's Inventions

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Wong, Oi Man Jocelyn – 6

A long time ago, there was a girl named Jo in China. Jo loved to learn and try new things. One day, Jo had a maths lesson where she needed to count things. Jo had a problem. It was too difficult for her to carry all the rocks to school just to count them accurately.

Jo did not give up. Determined to find a better way, she began finding a way to make counting easier. She thought about using smaller beans instead of rocks, but soon she found that the beans would easily roll away and get lost. Jo needed a solution!

Then, Jo came up with a brilliant idea! She decided to make a hole in each bean and put it on a stick. That way, the beans would stay in place and not roll away. Jo was excited about her creation. She was so happy with her invention.

When Jo brought her invention to school, her classmates noticed her unique tool. They saw how it helped Jo count quickly. They wanted to try it too because it made counting much easier. Jo happily shared her invention with them.

Even the teacher was impressed by Jo's creativity and the usefulness of the tool. The teacher asked Jo if she could share her invention with the whole school. Jo agreed, and during the presentation, everyone saw how useful it could be.

Words about Jo's invention spread beyond the classroom. Soon, people from other schools and nearby villages heard about it and wanted to try too. They found it super helpful, and they gave it a name, the abacus.

The abacus became more popular. It helps many other kids and teachers with maths. Later on, some shops started to use abacus to count too. They all found it much faster and easier. And that is how Jo from China invented the abacus. Even today, many people still use the abacus. It helps not only Chinese people to do maths but also people around the world to do maths. Abacus changed the way we count and made maths more fun and simple for everyone.

Jo's story teaches us that simple ideas and inventions can impact the lives of many. It encourages us to be creative and always lookout for solutions to make the world a better place.

The Big Leap of China's Invention in Traffic Automation

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Wong, Yik Hong - 8

"Adam, hurry up please! We may miss the car to the airport and even miss the flight!" mum howled.

"That's fine, mum. It is all under our control!" Adam replied calmly.

The airport chauffeur arrived on time at 10 in the morning. Adam and parents finally got in the car at 10:20. Although they were being late, "the driver" did not make any complaint!

"Dad, just buckle up. No one is actually controlling the car!" Adam chuckled.

This is the latest Didi—Auto. It is the first time Adam tried this service. With the booming technology of chips which allows speedy computation, satellites which provide precise location and electric vehicles with superb batteries in China, the computerised car without a driver is made possible. China has made tremendous progress in its semiconductor, space, automotive and rechargeable batteries.

"Dad, China is not only famous for its high-tech invention, but also for its creativity in inventing a service with few matured technologies. The Didi-Auto is a great example, "Adam said.

"The Artificial Intelligent training and thousands of hours of road traffic data, plus the huge coverage of the BeiDou satellites allow for the most accurate performance of the Didi-Auto. The cameras and sensors on the car together with the super computation can avoid any kind of collision on the road," Adam replied.

Adam and his family arrived at the airport. They scurried through the check—in service and were going to take the Didi-Air! The success of making its own civil aircraft has enabled some extent of pilotless flight.

There was no cockpit and aircrews on the plane. Adam's parents saw some robotic arms helping to lift the small luggage. Meal serving became a self—help service in the in—cabin café. The voice recognition devices plus the robotic arms made the in—flight services become no different from that by human beings.

"Why is everything automated? That sounds scary! I cannot imagine a pilotless flight!" Dad looked anxious.

"The aircraft still needs a safety pilot who can disconnect the system to revert the aircraft to manual flying in some unpredictable situations, "Adam said, "Decades of industrial advancement in China has made the integration of robots into the flight easier. Small jets are operated from the ground with the back—up pilot like our case here. There are already fully pilotless cargo plane services."

"That's absolutely amazing! I could never imagine that China had taken such a big step in changing the world when I was at your age, Adam!" Dad chuckled.

Since the ancient invention of papermaking, compass, gunpowder and printing, China has been holding a leading position in its innovation and world civilization. Chinese are renowned for their quick—witted mindset and they are highly entrepreneurial. With the advancement of science and technology today, Chinese do not only invent sophisticated products in rechargeable batteries, semiconductors and automobiles, but also overlay with application services on top which truly discharge the benefits to all human beings.

Life in the Future

SKH Lui Ming Choi Memorial Primary School, Chan, Hiu Tung Kelly – 10

Life in the year 2050 will be very different. Inventions will have improved our lives in many ways to help us study and make our health better.

Firstly, education will have changed. Students won't do homework by writing any more. They just need to do online homework. It's fast, because if a teacher needs you to do online homework, everything can be done on a computer. No need for pens, paper, books.

Secondly, AI technology will be different. People will ask AI robot questions. If students need to do some online writing and have some troubles, they can just ask AI robot to find out more ideas. This will make studying easier and faster so students can study other things.

But, the most amazing thing about 2050 is the medicine. People won't get sick easily because the medicine in the future is strong. It will make people healthier.

Life in 2050 will be great because people can enjoy their life. I look forward to living an enjoyable life in 2050.

Our New Future

SKH Lui Ming Choi Memorial Primary School, Chung, Yuen To Crystal – 10

When it comes to the future, things will be different. Different inventions will make our lives much better.

Firstly, everybody will have a small garden where they will grow radishes to eat. We will just need to plant the seeds and the radishes will grow in just five minutes. On top of the radishes there will be natural forks, spoons and chopsticks. Inside the radish will be delicious dishes that taste great and are healthy. It will be a world changing invention.

Secondly, transport will change a lot too. Most people won't drive. They will just tell the car where they want to go and the car will then move by itself. If they press the 'fly' button, the car will then fly. The cars are also very careful and intelligent so there won't be any more car accidents.

Lastly, our colour pencils will be different too. One pencil can have all the colours. On the colour pencil you will have different buttons for every shade of colour you could imagine. All you have to do is press the button and you will have whatever colour you want,

In conclusion, our lives in 2050 will be completely different and very convenient. We will all be delighted.

Life in 2050

SKH Lui Ming Choi Memorial Primary School, Hau, Emilie – 11

When it comes to the future, life will be very different from today's China. Transport, communication and many more things will have changed beyond recognition.

Firstly, communication will change. People will use VR and holograms to communicate. You will be able to call your friends and family easily and even check the weather and the news.

Secondly, transport will be very different also. Everyone will travel in a comfortable ball which is controlled by AI. There won't be any traffic or car accidents. The ball can move at 20 miles in a single second but inside it feels very calm so people can sleep while it is driving.

Finally, people will live longer. Medicine will be much more powerful. Some medicine can even heal cancer. However, it will be expensive. There will be no wheelchairs anymore, instead there will be a floating chair and it can be controlled by the passenger. The user just needs to say 'slow' or 'fast'. It will also have a buckle to keep passengers safe.

The life in the future will be better but I think it will also be dangerous with all the AI technology and computers.

The Future, 2050

SKH Lui Ming Choi Memorial Primary School, Hong, Haozhe – 10

I was transported to the future in a time machine and I am excited to share with you the incredible advancements that have transformed life in China. These inventions have truly revolutionized various aspects and made life significantly better.

Firstly, transport has changed. People don't take rockets to different planets anymore. They use this thing called 'A Teleportation Tunnel'. This means no fuel is needed. It takes 10 seconds to walk in the tunnel from Earth to Mars, making interplanetary travel quicker and more accessible than ever before.

Secondly, entertainment has transformed. People no longer use TVs or phones anymore. They use this cutting—edge technology called a 'Screen Contact Lens'. This means they can watch a video only using contact lenses in their eyes. So there is no more need to hold a phone in your hand, you can just have the movie playing directly inside your eyes.

Finally, education is very different. People do not need to go to school anymore. They use this thing called 'Virtual Reality'. We have this now in 2023, but by 2050 they have become a lot more common. Learners can now participate in their lessons while comfortably lying in bed, thanks to the immersive nature of Virtual Reality, making education more flexible and engaging than ever before.

I think the future is perfect. Life is easier, safer and much faster. These remarkable advancements in transportation, entertainment, and education have transformed the way we live, offering unprecedented convenience and enhancing various aspects of daily life in China.

2050 - A New Life

SKH Lui Ming Choi Memorial Primary School, Kau, Tsz Kin Ken – 11

Suddenly, I was transported to the future of Hong Kong. Hong Kong in 2050 has changed a lot. Houses, clothes and food are all dramatically different.

Firstly, houses and our way of living has changed. Houses are connected to a tall central tower, which can control the houses. The houses are not on the ground; they fly in the sky. They fly and attach to the central tower with suction cups. The houses look small from the outside, but inside the house is very huge. They have a portal inside so people don't need cars to travel.

Secondly, we don't need to eat food. We can eat a pill. The pills have a sweet flavour and contain all the nutrients you need for the day. It has vitamin A to E. You will be smarter if you eat it. People just take it once a day so it doesn't take much time. This means we have more leisure time to run and play.

Thirdly, we have some new clothes. There are invisibility clothes, which can make you hide from others, just like Harry Potter. Also, there are clothes which allow you to fly and air—con clothes which keep you cool in summer. AI will help you change your clothes style. All clothes are fitted with a hard, invisible force field to protect the wearer. This is needed because in the future there are many zombies.

All in all, I think the future is more convenient than the past, but it has some horrible monsters.

Life in 2050

SKH Lui Ming Choi Memorial Primary School, Kou, Tsz Ham Cindy – 10

I've travelled to the future and life is amazing. Inventions have made life in China much better.

Firstly, transport has changed. People no longer drive cars on the road, the cars can fly. Everyone in the future is flying these cars and they produce no pollution. I think if you could travel to 2050 you would be surprised that there are no cars on the road and the air is much cleaner than today.

Secondly, food is unrecognisable from what you know today. We have much better food now than in 2023. The most popular food in the future is the strawberry container. The special thing about this strawberry is that it never stops growing, it grows very fast and can even be bigger than house. Even more amazing than that is the taste. It can taste like anything you want. It knows exactly what your favourite food is and it will taste just like that. Also, the food inside the strawberry container is always healthy. So you can taste food like burgers, pizza and French fries but you will never get fat.

In conclusion, life in China is great in 2050 because of the great inventions in the last 30 years. I'm glad we can live a happy and peaceful life in the future.

Life in 2050

SKH Lui Ming Choi Memorial Primary School, Leung, Ching Shu Anthony – 10

When it comes to the future, things are very different in 2050. Inventions have made life in Hong Kong so much better.

Firstly, transport has changed. There is a train which can increase its capacity depending on immediate need. This train has a capacity of 7.5 million people so can transport the whole population of Hong Kong together. It can travel at speeds up to 11,000 kilometres per hour and go to mysterious places on Earth. It even has the speed to launch to the moon.

Secondly, entertainment is different. Virtual Reality technology has improved a lot. We just need a VR headset to search on a website and play games. There is no need for a computer or a phone. So, there is no need to waste electricity on multiple devices.

Finally, food has changed a lot. People just eat hamburgers. These hamburgers taste great and they include all of the healthy nutrition we need such as proteins, calcium, vitamins and minerals. People don't get fat and everybody is fit and healthy so they live longer lives.

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Our Cybernetic Future

SKH Lui Ming Choi Memorial Primary School, Szeto, Fai Justin – 11

I saw an accident today. When people get into accidents in the future, they will die. No surprise there. However, I've found a solution to this problem – introduce cybernetic parts. When your heart is failing, use a robotic one!

The cybernetic parts can help us in a variety of ways in our everyday life. It can even save our lives.

First, it can save you from an accident. So, you've gotten into an accident and the doctors are trying to save you. You are on the staircase to heaven but with the invention of cybernetics you can replace failing organs with robot parts.

The second use for cybernetics is it can make us have super human powers. If you use cybernetic parts in your legs or arms, they won't get tired. Super strength is possible and your health will be better than ever. No need to wear out your original body parts. You just need to remember to recharge it every year or else you will die! And nobody wants that! People with poor health and those that don't eat well can use cybernetic body parts to support their body systems.

Finally, in 2023, where I am originally from, everyone has a pet dog or cat. Everyone feels sad when their pet dies, but here in the future things are different. Lucky for you, we have got robot parts for pets too. Your pets will live forever thanks to cybernetics.

I think people will use cybernetics more and more in the future and it will help you in many different ways.

My Life in 2050

SKH Lui Ming Choi Memorial Primary School, Tse, Tung Savanna – 10

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Letter from 2050

SKH Lui Ming Choi Memorial Primary School, Yung, Yeuk Ki Grace – 10

Dear Younger Grace,

How are you? Let me tell you about your life and my life in 2050. Your future will be completely different to 2023. Life is different now. There are new things in our life.

Traffic is different now. People do not use cars. They use flying cars now. Some rich people travel by AI helicopter, which can carry up to twelve people. As a result, there are no road accidents now. It is safe to travel to work and school so people live longer. There are many people who fly in the sky to work.

Secondly, people don't need to do housework. AI robot will help us do all the chores. Robots help us clean the floor, cook food, and wash the dishes. So, humans don't need to do any chores. People can have more leisure time. They can do things they like, such as just going to walk around and talk with their friends.

So, you have so much to look forward to in the future. I feel life in China is fantastic now because of the amazing inventions in our lives.

With love, Grace 2050