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Sweat and tears behind the scenes

Our WYY Dance Team captures numerous awards in various categories Schools Dance Festival annually. Ever wondered what it is like to be part of WYY's Dance Team? Glitter has interviewed several members to learn about their experiences!



Do you find the dance training hard?

The answer is definitely yes. Our training is quite exhausting. The rhythm of each dance is usually fast and difficult. Dancers have to jump five or six times in a row. The duration of training is also sometimes long. Since each member dances different steps, we need to depend on each other to coordinate all the moves correctly. We even have long discussions to decide on our postures. To be honest, the long and hard training has sometimes caused physical and mental fatigue to us dancers.



How can you overcome your difficulties?

We usually have a warm-up before the training in order to strengthen the flexibility of our bodies and to prevent strains and injuries. In our daily life, we need to do more physical exercise to increase our lung capacity and maintain good muscle power.

Why did you enroll in the Dance Team?

We were attracted by watching professional dancers who are so appealing and charming on the stage. Also, some of our friends are Dance Team members and they encouraged us to participate in the Dance Team. Besides, dancing is one of the favourite hobbies among teens.



What knowledge did you gain from joining the Dance Team?

Dancing has enhanced our self-esteem and confidence. By joining the Dance Team, we have broadened our social circle and established friendship with schoolmates in different forms. Moreover, dancing can alleviate our academic stress and taught us how to listen to and consider other people's opinions. It has also improved our communication skills and leadership skills. Apart from attaining a fit and healthy body in dancing, we have improved our memory because we have to regularly memorize countless dancing steps and poses. Best of all, we got to have fun together while gaining this knowledge.

Let's meet the WYY Ukulele Group!

We often see the WYY Ukulele Group perform on stage.

However, does anyone know much about these ambitious musicians?

Let's learn more about them in this article.

'Practice makes perfect' – in music and life!

This music squad practices every week. "We usually learn inspirational songs, like my favorite – 'I'm Still Standing' by Elton John," said one of the students. Besides learning the chords of those masterpieces, their teacher, Ms. Li, shows them positive life values video clips for inspiration. The ukulele programme was organized by the Life Education Unit a year ago. It aims to help students develop not only their music skills, but also mutual respect, harmonious relationships and whole-person growth.

Last year, we witnessed the Ukulele Group's debut performance during the music assembly. All teammates of the group said they were so nervous during the first performance. Yet they all agreed that the experience gave them the ability to receive feedback, collaborate, and gain more confidence. However, the most rewarding gift for them was the friendship they made along the way. "We provide support to each other when we face a challenge. For instance, we help each other whenever we don't understand music scores or have a personal problem," says one member. This is how they keep improving their playing, their attitude and their team work.



Composition 101: The birth of WYY's 45th anniversary theme song

Other than playing the ukulele, the group members also enjoy composing songs from scratch. Last year, they took a course on song production with Johnson Ho, who is a professional piano, jazz organ and keyboard musician. Applying the acquired knowledge and skills, they soon composed a piece of music collaboratively starting from scratch that would become our school's 45th anniversary theme song.



What is precious about this song is that every lyric in it is truly felt by every member of the team. To improve their lyrics and composition, they studied other great Canto-pop songs and basic techniques in writing lyrics from lyricist Ms Yvette Lok Yee Wong. In the end, their song was a banger that really encourages all of us to have the courage to face up to difficulties in school and in life.



Going forward

In May, some senior members of the group tried acting and singing simultaneously in front of a live audience. Although they felt that their performance was not perfect, they described it as another valuable learning experience which would motivate the group to keep going forward. "We always encourage other students to join and grow with us," says one member. If you enjoy music, growth and inspiration, give it a try and join the group in the coming school year!

The Heart & Soul Behind Our Masterpiece



Do you find our school 45th anniversary theme song enchanting?

Are you amazed that the song was composed collaboratively by our students from scratch? Do you know that our students composed the song under the guidance of Mr. Johnson Ho, one of the most famous jazz musicians in Hong Kong? It's a remarkable story, so let's check it out!

Mr. Johnson's Flair for Jazz His Training & The Path to Success

Mr. Johnson is a well-known jazz, rock and pop musician who has been called "the wildest keyboard player in Hong Kong". As a music director, pianist and jazz organist, Johnson has performed in many local jazz clubs, large stadiums (e.g., Queen Elizabeth Stadium) and jazz festivals (e.g., The Hong Kong International Jazz Festival and Freespace Jazz Fest). He has also toured in Japan several times since 2018 and even has his own company, The Johnson Ho Music Production Company.

Mr. Johnson started learning piano at age six and was originally trained as a classical pianist. Later, he attained Distinction in Licentiate at Trinity College, London, and was mentored in the US by one of the greatest jazz organists in the world -- the legendary Tony Monaco.



Passing The Torch

Mr. Johnson has a daughter who has also excelled as a jazz musician. He stressed that his daughter's performances are even better than his own. The success of his daughter is not only because of her talents, but also her passion for music, which can be directly attributed to Mr. Johnson's effort in nurturing her. Indeed, the members of our song composition group have been impressed by Mr. Johnson's eagerness to pass on his passion and skills to the next generation.



Freespace JazzFest 2022

The Birth of The Masterpiece

At the initial stage of the theme song production, students had no experience in song composition and needed to learn from scratch, beginning with instruction in music theory and chord progression. By practicing with their musical instruments, students soon began to



develop an enhanced understanding of how to compose melody and lyrics. Mr. Johnson complimented our students as talented and said he was surprised by the quality of their work despite having had zero musical training in the past. Even when the school was suspended during the pandemic, it didn't stop our students' passion for music! They kept on collaborating and brainstorming the song through Zoom lessons with Mr. Johnson.



Our students treat every practice and performances seriously and cherish all the moments they have had. Some students commented that their success in composing the song with their peers and Mr. Johnson was a memorable experience that has sparked them to further develop their interest and skill in music.



Something fishy at WYY

For the past year, our school has enjoyed something new and special - the WYY Aquarium! With the assistance of the Chinese University of Hong Kong and City University, three aquatic tanks set up outside the WYY General Office now house more than 30 types of marine life.



Do you know that these three water tanks in our school have different functions? One tank serves as an 'ornamental' aquarium for lovely colourful fish, while the two other tanks are for coral and horseshoe crabs, respectively.

The Ornamental Tank

Originally, there were ten colourful clownfish in our ornamental tank. However, because the concentration of harmful substances in the water grew to a severe level, the clownfish started getting sick. Our team tried hard to remedy the situation, but sadly a large number of fish died before the problem could be resolved.

"Although it was a heartbreaking loss, we will learn from this incident so as not to repeat any mistakes in the future. Going forward, we are confident that we will maintain a beautiful aquatic environment for the fish that will give enjoyment to the whole school," said the team.

The Coral Tank

The story in our coral tank is much happier although it also had an incident. Due to a damaged tank device, the tank's water quality became unsuitable for the coral's survival. In order to save the life of the coral, the breeding team had to transfer the coral to another tank and replace the contaminated water with fresh water in the old tank. Through quick action and a bit of good luck, the coral was saved! Today you can see the attractive and healthy coral, along with other species, in that tank.

The Horseshoe Crab Tank

The horseshoe crab has thankfully been our 'no drama' tank so far! In this tank, you can observe the marine life that generally gets less attention than the beautiful, colourful fish, but is still an important part of the marine ecosystem. There are plans to further develop this tank in the coming school year. Stay tuned!

INSIGHTFUL & CAPTIVATING WYY INFO DAY

On Saturday, 3 December 2022, our school welcomed thousands of prospective students, parents, and teachers to our first in-person Information Day in four years.



Insightful Taster Programme & Interview Preparation Workshop

WYY Info Day featured Taster Programme in which Primary 6 students could try scientific experiments and innovative handicrafts. In addition, Primary 6 students could attend an Interview Preparation Workshop to enhance their confidence and interview performance by learning how to prepare effectively for their interviews. For instance, students were introduced to frequently asked interview questions and reviewed which materials they might bring with them in order to impress their interviewers.



Captivating game booths, exhibitions and performances

The various clubs and houses set up a variety of game booths and exhibitions around our campus. One of the most welcoming attractions was set up by the Mathematics Club which offered Tangram for the students to create their own designs. It not only helped develop students' creativity and logical reasoning, it also helped them learn and understand the mysteries of maths in a fun way.

The basketball court was filled with a refreshing coffee aroma from the Joyful Café, which offered freshly made coffee with delicate latte art by our students who spent months perfecting their coffee skills after school. Many primary students and their parents were amazed by their skill level and gave our WYY coffee masters and baristas huge compliments for their latte art creations.

The highly anticipated WYY Handbell Ensemble and Ukulele Performance presented a series of wonderful masterpieces to the visitors. Having practiced thousands of times, our two performance teams put on a perfect show! To the delight of the audience, they sang Cantonese pop songs with ukuleles and played classical music with handbells. Their extremely melodious and lovely songs won big rounds of nonstop applause from the visitors.



Proud of WYY concerted efforts

We are so proud of our students' professional performances and their unfailing efforts. We are grateful to all students who shared their joy and love with our guests during the Info Day.

Welcome to WYU'S English Panel Family!

Ms. Cindy



Ms. Cindy, the new English Panel Head, is an active person who enjoys socializing with her family and friends. She has a particular passion for outdoor activities such as cycling, hiking, and playing netball. Ms. Cindy finds teaching at WYU to be a fulfilling experience, as she has established great relationships with colleagues and the students are friendly and hard-working. She pursues a career teaching in secondary schools due to her eloquence, her desire to express ideas and spread positivity.

Ms. Cindy encourages her students to explore new opportunities and broaden their horizons. She believes that doing so will help them create memorable and joyful experiences that they can cherish for years to come. Additionally, she emphasizes the importance of secondary school life as a crucial stepping stone towards university. Ms. Cindy is committed to helping her students navigate through the challenges of secondary school and prepare for their future university studies.

Ms. Cindy considers self-caring and having faith in yourself is important. She keeps reminding students that nothing is impossible because you never know until you have tried.

Ms. Mary

In her leisure time, Ms Mary enjoys watching movies, especially English ones, and bowling. As a secondary school English teacher, she is passionate about helping her students realize their full potentials and fostering their interest in English. Moreover, she finds it easier to build a closer relationship with secondary school students due to a smaller age gap.

Ms. Mary has become interested in English and dreamed to become an English teacher since an early age. She hopes to use English to arouse students' interests in exploration of their infinite opportunities. Ms Mary emphasizes the importance of self-discovery and pursuing one's dreams. Hard work can make those dreams a reality, even in the face of adversity. Furthermore, she reminds students that there is always someone available to provide support and guidance.

She hopes that students at WYU can cultivate confidence and resilience, recognizing that the challenges they face are only temporary. She believes that "No cross, no crown," and everyone can overcome difficulties with time, effort, and support. She hopes students can cherish every opportunity they meet and encourages everyone to be kind and respectful to one another, fostering a positive and inclusive environment.



Ms. Tang



Ms Tang loves reading books, which take her on exciting adventures and listening to soothing music that makes her happy. Ms Tang also enjoys hiking as this is an excellent exercise to de-stress. When she needs a friendly ear, she chats with her friends. These are also her ways of relieving stress.

Ms Tang decided to teach at a secondary school because she believes this phase of our lives is vital. As we grow, our personalities begin to form, and we start seriously thinking about our prospects.

Therefore, secondary teachers play a significant role in ensuring we are ready for what is coming next. We must learn how to learn, which refers to gaining problem-solving skills and learning to think critically.

She has a few words of encouragement for her students – remember that persistence is the key to success, which means never giving up despite enormous challenges. If we continue to try our best while not allowing setbacks to bring us down, we can achieve great things.

Ms. Chow

Like other new teachers, Ms. Chow enjoys watching movies, and she often goes to the cinema. She likes all genres of movies except for horrors. When Ms. Chow feels stressed, she thinks it is often relieving to talk to friends and family.

She teaches English because it has been her best subject since primary school and she finds it fun to explore English culture with her students. She wants to teach in a secondary school as she feels more connected with adolescents and share her experiences with struggling youths. She believes that trying new things is the most important thing in school life, and that it is fine to fail as long as we learn from previous experiences.



Mr. Chung

Mr. Chung is our new English teacher too. He enjoys playing snooker, watching films, and listening to music during his free time because these activities give him a lot of "me time". When he faces difficulties in his daily life, he often spends almost a day at a snooker table to calm himself and clear his mind. He became an English teacher because English is his favorite subject and he has aspired to pursue a teaching career for a long time. He finds it easier to communicate with secondary school students because they are closer in age.

As a teacher, Mr Chung hopes to see achievements in his students and their turning into decent young adults. Mr. Chung also believes study stress is unavoidable, but to relieve it, one can fully engage in sports to rejuvenate.



Editor's Words

In this edition of Glitter, we bring you an exciting and insightful collection of interviews with our teachers and fellow schoolmates. We have been inspired by their philosophies, experiences and aspirations. The teachers also shared their challenges faced in the classroom and their hopes for the students. We very much appreciate their valuable insights and their commitment to helping students succeed. WYY students are blessed to have been taught by such devoted teachers who are passionate and full of wisdom. We hope you enjoy reading these interviews as much as we enjoyed conducting them. We believe they offer a glimpse into the rich and diverse community that makes up our school. Without the concerted effort of our reporters, editors, graphic designers and teacher advisors, this magazine wouldn't have been possible. Thank you all for your support, and we hope you have a great read!

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