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## Happy Chinese New Year! The Campus Scaffolding has been removed!

Happy Chinese New Year!

We'd like to wish you all a prosperous and fruitful Year of the Dog! Here at MCHK we enter the new year with great news; all the scaffolding on the campus has now been taken down and we are getting closer to furnishing all of our wonderful facilities. The Entrance Lobby is clearly taking shape and once completed it will give us a fantastic exhibition area in which to display our pupils' science projects. The ceiling of the auditorium is also now more clearly defined, and we are looking forward to soon seeing the hall filled with excited pupils awaiting a musical or orchestral performance from their peers.

If you happen to pass by Providence Bay, please feel free to take pictures of the new campus and share them with us.



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDING HEADMASTER DR. ROBIN LISTER

Dear Parents,

As we move closer to the Chinese New Year and all the celebrations that surround this time, we are drawn to new beginnings and perhaps also, to a review of the past year. 2017 has been a busy year and a great deal has been accomplished. The school building has changed from merely a building site with only its foundations showing to a nearly complete and impressive final building; teachers have been identified and recruited; uniforms designed and ordered; maps consulted and bus routes are coming into shape.

It should only be a few more months until the school itself will be open for visits and, as you can imagine, this is something I am really looking forward to. Working in an office in Central has been (and I am sure will continue to be) great fun, but transferring to the school will give all of us a real sense of accomplishment and achievement.

I am told that 2018 is the Year of the Dog and that the dog symbolises such things as honesty, friendliness, faithfulness and loyalty; being smart and having a strong sense of responsibility are other qualities associated with this canine year. One could say that all these attributes, alongside Malvern's more formal list of qualities, are an intrinsic part of what it takes to be a good Malvernian. The Year of the Dog would therefore appear to be an apposite year to open our new school!

With sincerest best wishes,

Dr. Robin A. Lister  
Founding Headmaster





MALVERN QUALITY OF THE MONTH

# COLLABORATION

This month's Malvern quality that is under the spotlight is collaboration. This is a quality that also happens to be a key word for the IB which pays great attention to encouraging both pupils and their teachers to collaborate in the teaching and learning processes. So, what exactly is collaboration? For pupils (and teachers) it is a word that emphasises recognising other people's strengths and knowing when and how to include others in discussions and the learning process in general. It also refers to the overriding desire to work for the common good, to appreciate the worth of others and the ability to work as a team drawing on the strengths of those around you whilst at the same time recognising one's own weaknesses.

Collaboration is dependent on communication and learning from, as well as with, others. Through collaboration we all learn together and build a solid framework of knowledge through which ideas are tested and arguments examined and eventually transformed into action for the better of all. Collaboration remains a key Malvern quality that happens to also lie at the heart of a Malvern education.



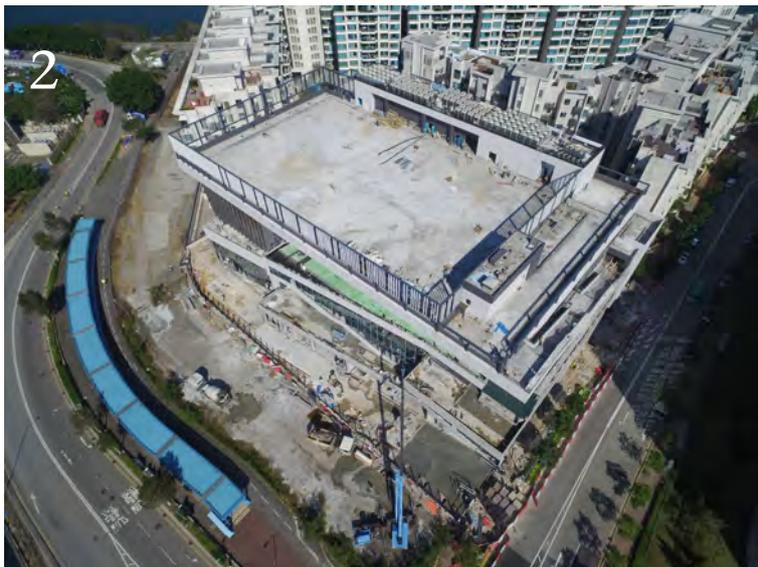
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# EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE EXPERIENCE DAY

Malvern College Pre-School Hong Kong (MCPS) joined the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Experience Day hosted by Top Schools on the 20th January 2018. The EYFS Experience Day gave parents insights into the programme's ethos and allowed children and parents to have a taste of EYFS in action. Teachers from MCPS prepared various activities for the participating families on the day.

Mrs. Jacqueline McNalty gave an overview of the educationally harnessed play programme that is the basis of the EYFS offered in MCPS. She explained how MCPS recognises that getting the right education in the early years of a child's educational journey is critical to improving long-term outcomes. Every child is unique and the education they receive should be personalised. Jacqueline also shared with parents how the many nature-based activities that they can undertake with their children, such as visiting the local park, the beach or some of our lovely forests here in Hong Kong, can help extend and build on specific areas of the EYFS curriculum. Connecting with nature is not only fun but it enriches the whole child's development!

MCPS's Forest School Leader, Ms. Yvette Cheevers, and other teachers also joined the fair and encouraged 'hands-on' participation with children. The message was clear: The Forest School can enhance the experience of EYFS.

Learn more about the Pre-School [HERE!](#)





## PRE-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



Malvern College Pre-School Hong Kong (MCPS) Open House on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February was a great success! We were delighted to welcome many families who came to experience a day at the school. Our thanks go to all the Founding Families who joined us supporting the event by providing food to raise money for World Wildlife Fund (WWF), manning the food table and initiating the parent-led activities for our visiting families. We are most grateful to you all for helping making it such an enjoyable day.

The theme of the Open House was ‘Celebrations of New Year Around the World. It was an opportunity for children to experience traditions from various countries, and to learn to embrace different cultures. Each pod (classroom in the Pre-School), represented a country that either the teacher had been born in, had lived in for many years or was very familiar with. The countries included England, China, Australia, Thailand, Spain and South Africa. Arriving at the campus, children were given a ‘Malvern Learning Passport’ and a ‘boarding pass’, They were encouraged to visit at least six of the eight countries represented in order to experience the cultural activity offered there. Activities ranged from Lian Pu painting, Australian Aboriginal dot painting, Spanish dancing, African drumming, making Thai Kohn masks and paper plate crowns. On completing an activity the children received a stamp in their passports. Many families successfully collected ALL eight stamps and were rewarded with a gift at the redemption corner.

At MCPS, we believe that children, even at a young age, can take action and make a positive difference in the world. In addition to adopting an endangered animal for each pod, the funds raised through the food sale were donated to the WWF. A team from the charity was also invited to the Open House where they sold WWF merchandise to raise additional funds for this very worthwhile cause. We hope everyone had a great day with us, and we look forward to seeing you at one of our future events!



# GONG XI FA CAI

Happy Chinese New Year! Some call it the Lunar New Year because it follows the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar. You may have heard that 2018 is the Year of the Dog, the eleventh animal in the Chinese Zodiac sign.

Legend has it that, back in ancient days, the Jade Emperor ordered that animals should become part of the calendar and that the 12 who arrived first would be selected. At the time, the cat and the rat were good friends. When they heard this news, the cat said to the rat: "We should arrive early to sign up, but I usually get up late."

The rat promised to wake up his pal so they could go together but, because he was too excited, he forgot and went alone. On the way, the rat bumped into the tiger, ox, horse and other animals who were all much faster than him. He hatched a plan and convinced the ox to carry him on his back on the condition that the rat sang throughout the journey.

The ox arrived first, but the rat sneaked in front of him and so became the first lucky animal. The order of the Chinese zodiac signs then became: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig. By the time the cat arrived, the selection was over which is why the cat hates the rat and will always try to chase him.

Similar to Western horoscopes, it is believed that each Chinese Zodiac (shengxiao 生肖) has a distinctive set of personality traits. People born in the Year of the Dog are believed to be honest, friendly, faithful, loyal, smart, straightforward, venerable and have a strong sense of responsibility. On the negative side, they are likely to be self-righteous, cold, terribly stubborn, slippery, critical of others and not good at social activities.

While 2018 is the Year of the Dog, it is not necessarily the year for dog people. This is because the animal year when a person was born is called his/her Ben Ming Nian (Zodiac Year of Birth). The distinctive zodiacal way of calculating years based on the lunar calendar decides that once in every twelve-year cycle people will meet their birth signs.

Although it sounds a bit superstitious, Chinese people take their year of birth seriously. According to soothsaying, people in their own Ben Ming Nian may offend "Taisui", also called the God of Age, and so they would suffer a lot of misfortunes, such as sickness, economic loss, physical injuries and obstacles in their career. However, there are effective ways to diminish these unlucky impacts. The most popular solution is wearing red underwear, socks or waist belts given by elders, for red is believed to bring them good luck. Some jewellery accessories may also help, such as pendants and bracelets with auspicious images.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Malvern Meets

We invite prospective parents to find out more about our school and our admissions process by joining one of our 'Malvern Meets'. Parents will have the opportunity to speak with our senior management team and with our Founding Headmaster, Dr Robin Lister. Space is limited and places are allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Please follow the link below to register. We will send you an email once your request is confirmed.

### Pre - School Malvern Meet

Date: Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Time: 5:30 - 7:00p.m.

Venue: G9-12, Coronation Circle, 1 Yau Cheung Road, Southwest Kowloon, Hong Kong

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

### College Malvern Meet

Date: Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018

Time: 6:30 - 8:00p.m.

Venue: 14/F, Club Lusitano, 16 Ice House Street, Central, Hong Kong

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.



### Experience Malvern

#### Creative Arts Workshop

The workshop is designed specifically for children aged either 4-7 or 8-11. Children will first be entertained by listening to a carefully selected story. A host of follow-up activities will then be available for them to choose from. Each one will be connected to the story and embody not only true learning but many outlets to foster and unleash creativity and thinking skills. All in a relaxed and enjoyable style.

**When:** Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Session 1: 10:30a.m. – 12noon

Session 2: 1:00 – 2:30p.m.

Session 3: 3:00 – 4:30p.m.

**Where:** Hong Kong Science Park

Please sign up [HERE](#) and we will send you an email once your reservation is confirmed.

#### Rugby Experience Day

Around March and April each year, it's a big time for Rugby because of the Hong Kong Rugby Sevens! Before the big event, we have set a date for Malvern College Hong Kong Rugby Experience Day. A great event where you can learn the basics, and get a taste of the exciting world of rugby.

**When:** Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Session 1: 1:30 – 2:30p.m.

Session 2: 2:30 – 3:30p.m.

**Where:** The Education University of Hong Kong  
Pak Shek Kok Sports Centre

Please sign up [HERE](#) and we will send you an email once your request is confirmed.





## Malvern College Hong Kong School Site (Opening August 2018)

Conveniently located for road and rail transportation and yet fabulously close to the waterfront with its cycle routes, the school will be easily accessible to all its pupils. An extensive, compulsory school bus service will be implemented. Further details of this will follow.

### School Site Address

Fo Chun Road (Intersection with Chong San Road)  
Providence Bay, New Territories,  
Hong Kong

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