



YEAR SIX BULLETIN

Welcome to the very first **Year 6 Bulletin** of the RCHK 2011-2012 academic year! The purpose of this Bulletin is to keep you informed of events and issues concerning all Year 6 students and parents. The school website (www.renaissance.edu.hk) and school-wide newsletters are two other excellent ways to keep abreast of what is going on in the RCHK community.

The Year 6 teaching team for the 2011-2012 academic year is:

6 EM – Ellen Manson
6 MHN - Mike Hansen
6 HM – Helen Morris
6 MHG – Mike Hogg
6 JF – Joe Fahy
6 CV – Concettina Ventura



We are all delighted to be working with your children this year and look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Mrs. Ellen Manson
 Year 6 Coordinator

Year 6 1:1 Laptop Programme

We are all very excited to have begun the new school year with a 1:1 laptop programme in Year 6.

Year 6 Laptop Essential Agreement

As a member of Year 6 we agree that we will:

1. Care for our Laptop.
2. Use our laptop in an appropriate manner.

Note: If you are found using the laptop inappropriately, an email will be sent home to you and your parents explaining how you have failed to uphold the laptop essential agreement.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We have planned an 'Education Outside of The Classroom' (EOTC) programme for all Y6 students. This will be 2 night, 3 day **experiential learning and** outdoor education camp run by 'Treasure Island' on Lantau Island.

We will be attending the outdoor education camp on **November 30, December 1st and 2nd.**

The cost for the 3 days and 2 nights, including food (apart from a packed lunch on the first day), accommodation, insurance and activities will be \$1,800 HKD. A separate deduction of \$100 HKD will be made by the school e-payment system to cover transport costs.

Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday 5th October

Chung Yeung Festival
Public Holiday, no school

Friday 14th October

Terry Fox Run

16th > 23rd October

Mid-term Break, no school

3rd & 4th November

Primary 3-Way Conferences

Saturday, 26th November

College Fair

30th Nov > 2nd Dec

Y6 EOTC Camp
3 days/2 nights

17th Dec > 2nd Jan 2012

Winter Holiday
(Christmas)

School resumes on Tuesday
3rd January 2012



ELLEN MANSON

6EM & Y6 COORDINATOR



I am looking forward to my 6th year at RCHK!. My home country is New Zealand, but I have taught in a number of international schools. In my role as Coordinator for Year 6 I look forward to meeting as many parents of Year 6 students as possible. If I may be of assistance please contact me by e-mail in the first instance.

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CONCETTINA VENTURA

6CV



Ciao! This is my fifth year at RCHK and my first in Year 6. Some of you will already know me from Year 2 and Year 4. I am sure that this year will be not only rewarding and challenging for myself, but for all our students and I look forward to a successful Year 6 Camp and Exhibition.

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MIKE HOGG

6MHG



I hail from New Zealand where I trained and taught for 7 years. I have also spent some time traveling and teaching in the UK. This is my third year at RCHK and I look forward to working with this years new Year 6 students.

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HELEN MORRIS

6HM

Greetings to you all! I come from the UK and have previously lived in Hong Kong. I have just spent five years living, working and travelling in the Caribbean. I am thoroughly looking forward to teaching Year 6 and experiencing the Exhibition and camp. I am also looking forward to meeting more of the RCHK community.



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JOE FAHY

6JF

Hello my name is Joe Fahy. This is my second year with the Year 6 team. I am looking forward to another exciting and challenging year, especially the Year 6 Exhibition and the wonderful 'Treasure Island' camp experience. I originate from place called Ellesmere Port in England but have been fortunate to travel across Asia and Australia. I have lived in Hong Kong for some years and now feel as though it is my home. I enjoy walking and exploring the wonderful places Hong Kong has to offer.



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MIKE HANSEN

6MHN

My name is Mike Hansen, I am the homeroom teacher for 6MHN I come from New Zealand and this is my fourth year at Renaissance College previously as a Year 4 Teacher. As well as being a homeroom teacher I am also the Primary House director for Qing House. Previously to RCHK I taught in New Zealand for three years as a Year 5/6 teacher. I am really looking forward to working closely with the students in ICT this year and preparing them for an amazing exhibition.



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Unit of Inquiry #1

Our first Unit of Inquiry is an investigation into children's rights.

Title: Children's Rights

Central Idea: Children worldwide face a variety of challenges and risks.

Focus Area(s): Social Studies

Lines of Inquiry:

- The history of children's rights.
- The ways that nations and international organizations aim to protect children's rights
- Children affected by conflict or crisis (case study)

Key Concepts: causation, change, responsibility

Related Concepts: rights, social justice

Learner Profile: reflective, open-minded,

Learner Attitudes: empathy, respect, tolerance

Transdisciplinary Skills:

- Communication skills
- Research skills

MEET SOME IMPORTANT YEAR 6 PERSONNEL



Mr. Aaron Ho
Y6 Educational Assistant



Mrs. Helena Brooks
Y6 Educational Assistant



Mrs. Noeleen Ayson
Y6 Educational Assistant



Mr. David Neirmeier
Performing Arts



Ms. Kate Nankivel
Physical Education



Mrs. Kellie Dufty
Visual Arts

REVISITING & REVISING THE PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME (PYP)

As we begin our 6th academic year it is a good time for everyone to reflect upon and revise their understanding of the Primary Years Programme (PYP).

What is the PYP? It is a transdisciplinary programme of international education designed to foster the development of the whole child.

The PYP is designed for students aged 3 to 12. It focuses on the total growth of the developing child, touching hearts as well as minds and encompassing social, physical, emotional and cultural needs in addition to academic development.

The PYP draws on research and best practice from a range of national systems with a wealth of knowledge and experience from

international schools to create a relevant, engaging, challenging and significant educational framework for all children. The curriculum framework consists of five essential elements: concepts, knowledge, skills, attitude, and action.

As in previous years we will offer parent workshops throughout the academic year so that you may revise and extend your understanding of the philosophy and practice of the PYP.

<http://www.ibo.org/pyp/>



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