



The Event of the Century for Hong Kong Olympic Equestrian Events



Olympic equestrian sports, which are coming to Hong Kong in August 2008, are unique in two ways. They are the only Olympic event in which men and women compete against each other, and the only Olympic sport in which humans and animals work as a team. The Olympic equestrian events are made up of three totally separate events – Dressage, Jumping and Eventing.



Dressage - Dressage is almost like ballet, with the horse almost dancing.

Jumping - Jumping involves the horse and rider jumping a course of moveable fences without the horse knocking any fences or refusing to jump them.

Eventing - The Eventing competition combines both Dressage and Jumping and adds a third – a cross country course. Competitors must ride the same horse throughout all three phases.

Venues - The Dressage and Jumping competitions will be held at the Hong Kong Sports Institute, Sha Tin. The Cross-Country (part of the Eventing competition) will take place at the Hong Kong Golf Club and Beas River Country Club in Sheung Shui.

Tickets - Tickets for the Equestrian events will be available from China Travel Services.

Character Profile - Mike Parker

The thought of travelling to strange and exotic places appeals to most people and only a lucky few are able to do it and get paid! Let's think more about it to see if it is really as good as it sounds.



Mike Parker is a business man whose job sees him work long hours and travel to far away places like Africa. The pressures of his job mean that during the week he has to stay in a town away from his family (wife Sally and children, Dan, Jill and Jessica). Often he will not see his family for weeks at a time as he has to travel to other countries.

The children as well as Sally thoroughly miss Mike and spend many hours on the phone to him. Likewise Mike misses his family. They do enjoy the times they have together, especially when Mike tells stories of the fascinating things he sees when in foreign places.

Mike feels it is all worthwhile when he thinks about what he is providing for his family, but this does not stop the disapproving people of the village gossiping about Mike and his family in Mr Morris' shop.

Would you like a job similar to Mike's?

A New Senior Teacher

As April 1st, (rather an auspicious date!) Jenny Lowenbach will be a Senior Teacher, in partnership with Cameron Macleod.

Jenny grew up in Yorkshire, England and taught in a comprehensive school for 3 years. She then travelled across the USA for 3 months, returning home, only to settle back in Washington D.C. Her son and daughter, now grown up, still live there.

She has lived in HK for 11 ½ years and she is now in her 7th year with RTL. She enjoys cooking and reading a wide range of books.



Brain Teaser - Conundrum



Can you solve this?

A basket contains five apples. Do you know how to divide them between five children so that each one has an apple and one apple stays in the basket?

Answer-See bottom of page

Riddles - Paradox

A paradox is a statement that contradicts itself; e.g. Don't go near the water 'til you have learnt to swim. Can you think of one?

Teacher Profile



Let us introduce one of our cover teachers, Miss Sharon Chima. Sharon has lived in Hong Kong for many years and attended South Island

School. She is currently studying BSc Hons in Business & Management Studies at the University of Bradford.

In her spare time she enjoys shopping and socialising with friends. She likes teaching at RTL because of the polite students whom she teaches and the pleasant atmosphere created at each centre.

Events Calendar 2008

1st April: Apply for Cambridge Preparation Classes

4th April: Ching Ming Festival - RTL Open

● **22nd - 24th April:** Cambridge Preparation Classes

● **29th - 30th April:** Cambridge Preparation Classes

1st May: Labour Day - RTL Close

● **4th May:** Cambridge Young Learners Examination in WSL

12th May: The Buddha's Birthday - RTL Open

Solution: Four children get an apple (one for each one of them) and the fifth child gets an apple with basket still containing the apple.



Spotlight on Miss Anita and her class

Miss Anita describes the class as a pleasure to teach as the children are always highly motivated, participate well in class discussions and take pride in using their English skills.



Natalie Ho has been attending classes at RTL for eight months. She loves the reading page because it gives her the opportunity to learn and apply new vocabulary. Natalie was happy to study over the Easter holidays for her exams, which took place when she returned to school.



Jacky Tse has been coming to RTL for a year and a half. He enjoys the reading page but has also taken a keen interest in doing the presentations since the class recently started Level 8. He swam a lot during the Easter holiday and spent time watching TV, and relaxing.



Marco Lee has been attending classes at RTL for four years. His favourite part of each book is page 4 (the reading page), as he enjoys following the story from week to week. During the Easter holiday, he swam nearly every day and enjoyed the warmer weather.