



Keeping Up With Paula

At the recently held RTL Chinese New Year party, it was great to catch up with so many previous RTL staff members.



One guest, was the effervescent Paula Crowder, our former Academic Coordinator.

Paula is presently living in Guangzhou and is a full-time volunteer with The Good Rock Foundation, a charity for China's children, that empowers young children with the skills to succeed in life.

Paula is also very busy, spending time with her grandson.



Wedding Announcement

One of our former teachers, Ryan Homer, was married on a sunny day last December.

The ceremony was attended by some RTL friends; Jenny Lowenbach, Gavin Jugg and Mrs Shannon. The setting in Hong Kong Park was beautiful and the bride, Sandra, looked stunning. A reception was held afterwards at the China Tea Club. The couple now live in Discovery Bay.

New Staff

Please welcome our newest member of staff Pauline Cheung.

Pauline is from Milton Keynes in the United Kingdom. She enjoys ten pin bowling, dining on a variety of different foods and sight-seeing. She is delighted to be experiencing the sights and flavours of Hong Kong.



Events Calendar 2007

February and March

22nd - 8th March Trinity Preparation Classes WSL, HH, NP

11th March - Trinity ESOL Examination

April

5th - RTL closed Ching Ming Festival
9th - RTL closed Easter Monday

May

1st - RTL closed Labour Day
6th - Cambridge ESOL Examinations

Spotlight on Mr James and some of his students:



Mr James describes the students as diligent workers and inquisitive

learners. The interaction between the students is excellent and the class is a pleasure to teach.



Angela's hobby is reading. Her favourite books are ones by Ronald Dahl, especially The Witches.

Matilda and James and the Giant Peach. She likes learning English because it's fun and she can learn more words.



Stephanie's hobbies are reading, jogging and collecting sea shells. She wants to learn English to

improve her grammar. Reading and phonics interest her the most.



Herman likes swimming, playing football and computer games as well as climbing trees and reading books. He wants to improve his general English and enjoys reading.



Phoebe's hobbies include reading, swimming, playing tennis and collecting stamps. She wants to improve her English skills and finds it fun. Reading is her favourite part of learning.

Poetry Board

February's Poem: The ABC by Spike Milligan

Suitable for 10-14 year olds Enjoy!

'T was midnight in the schoolroom
And every desk was shut,
When suddenly from the alphabet
was heard a loud 'Tut-tut!'

'He's right,' said E; said F,
'Whoopee!
Said G; 'Ip, ip, orray!
'You're dropping me,' roared
H to G.
Don't do it please I pray!

Said A to B, 'I don't like C;
His manners are a lack.
For all I ever see of C
Is a semi-circular back!

'Out of my way' LL said to K,
'I'll make poor I look ILL.'
To stop this stunt, J stood
in front,
And presto! ILL was JILL.

'I disagree,' said D to B,
'I've never found C so.
From where I stand, he
seems to be
An uncompleted O.'

'U know' said V, 'that W
Is twice the age of me,
For as a Roman V is five
I'm half as young as he.'

C was vexed, 'I'm much
perplexed,
You criticise my shape.
I'm made like that, to help
spell Cat
And Cow and Cool and Cape.'

X and Y yawned sleepily
'Look at the time!' they said.
They all jumped in to beddy
byes
And the last one in was Z!

A new poem, for different age groups, will be published in the monthly newsletter. The **focus on poetry** is in line with the new E&MB curriculum, which **refocuses the teaching of English** through Language Arts.

To encourage our students, RTL will host a Poetry Reading Day (details next month) during August 2007.

- Any student can participate in the Poetry Reading
- There will be an element of competition with Poetry books, book tokens and certificates awarded during the day
- To help the students the poems will be read in class with extra time available during July for practise
- Look for the Poetry Tips next month
- The revised version of Level 8 will include poetry to stimulate the students' interest