



Visit our new website and download:

- Application Form
- Course & Company Brochure
- Teaching System Guide
- Parent Guide
- Newsletters

www.rtl.edu.hk

March 2008

Issue No. 18



Easter Celebrations

**Knock knock,
Who's there?
Esther.
Esther who?
Esther Bunny!**



That's right, Easter is fast approaching and it's time to start thinking about buying Easter eggs. But have you ever stopped and thought for a moment about why eggs play such an important role in Easter celebrations?

Traditions vary from region to region, but all trace their origins back to the concept that eggs are (in Christian practice) a symbol of new life; just as a chick might hatch from an egg. During Lent (the forty days of fasting and prayer before Easter) both meat and dairy are prohibited and often a household would use up all of its eggs before Lent by making pancakes.

Our supermarkets become inundated with chocolate Easter eggs just before the celebrations begin, though traditionally people used to dye and decorate their own hard-boiled eggs.



In Europe, children decorate eggs and roll them down a hill to see whose breaks first or whose finishes without breaking at all!

They also hold 'egg and spoon races' where children race while balancing an egg on a kitchen spoon, and Easter egg hunts are immensely popular. Chocolate eggs are

often given as tokens of friendship and good luck. Don't forget to look out for the Easter Bunny!

If you would like to make your own Easter eggs this season, check out the parents' notice board at RTL, for some exciting decorating ideas.

Launch of Level 12

Level 12 will be introduced in March and with it the students will see some exciting new grammar concepts, topics, stories and factual reporting skills.

Phrasal verbs are widely used by native English speakers and can be a difficult concept to understand for those learning them.

Like idioms, they give colour and interest to English vocabulary, but where idioms are fixed phrases, phrasal verbs are not. They are, however, similar in that the meaning is different from the actual words. See the examples below:

Idiom: keep your hair on (keep calm)

Phrasal verb: keep on – (she keeps on crying, even though I told her to stop)

Phrasal verbs are verbs + prepositions/ adverbs

Pages 2 & 6: introduction of factual reporting skills relating to famous people and events

Topics include Iconic Buildings, Famous Paintings and Destructive Typhoons

The students will discuss these topics, learn the related facts and figures, and write a report on page 6

Every third book: continues with writing exercises on pages 1, 2 & 6

Topics are associated with the factual discussions along with possible problems and solutions. The students are required to write at least 200 words including idioms and phrasal verbs. New challenges!

The story on page 4 takes new twists and turns; a new poster is already on display to introduce the aliens from Pyron!



Farewell to Miss Karen



Karen will be leaving RTL and Hong Kong at the end of March, and will be moving to Muscat, Oman to pursue her teaching career.

Karen came to RTL at the beginning of January 2006 from Australia and was originally employed as one of our teachers. In July of that year she was promoted to the position of Academic Coordinator.

She leaves Hong Kong with many fond memories and would like to thank everyone in the RTL community for making her sojourn in Hong Kong so enjoyable. We are looking to hearing about her odyssey in the Middle East and can't wait to receive the postcards that she's promised to send.

We wish Karen all the best in her future endeavours.

Poetry Board

The Poem for March

The Arrival
Anonymous

Go through the wall to Platform
Nine and Three Quarters.
Ride Hogwar's Express to the
Lake of Dark waters.
In small groups float across the
lake in wooden boats,
while up on the cliff through
swirling fog Hogwarth floats.

There waits that magic school
of all our special dreams
A place of spells,
so nothing there is as it seems.
Friends, foes, professors, ghosts,
and magic quidditch flights.
Things to dream of from windows
alit with golden lights.

There students attend classes to
master their craft,
while through the halls, Baron, Friar,
and Nick Ghosts waft.
The students strive to earn points
to raise their house scores,
So they'll win the House Cup and
fame forevermore.

Events Calendar 2007

6th March: Trinity Preparation Classes

9th March: Trinity Exam - Wing Sing Lane

21st March: Easter Good Friday - RTL is Open

22nd March: Easter Saturday - RTL is Open

24th March: Easter Monday - RTL is Closed

26th March: Cambridge Test - deadline for booking a test

4th April: Ching Ming Festival - RTL is Open

1st April: Apply for Cambridge Preparation Classes

22nd - 24th April: Cambridge Preparation Classes

29th - 30th April: Cambridge Preparation Classes

4th May: Cambridge Young Learners Examination in WSL

Spotlight on Mr Darren and some of his students

Favourite Place in Hong Kong: Causeway Bay and The Peak

Favourite Holiday: Christmas and New Year



Name: Ann Ma Yan Lam
Favourite Place in Hong Kong: Pok Fu Lam
Favourite Holiday: Christmas
Studying at RTL since: 18.10.03



Name: Jack Yung Tik Hei
Favourite Place in Hong Kong: Whampoa
Favourite Holiday: Christmas
Studying at RTL since: 16.08.04



Name: Justin Lau Ming Hung
Favourite Place in Hong Kong: Tin Shui Wai
Favourite Holiday: Chinese New Year
Studying at RTL since: 16.10.04



Name: Anna So Nok Yan
Favourite Place in Hong Kong: Tsim Sha Tsui
Favourite Holiday: Christmas
Studying at RTL since: 27.08.05

HKPFPE Ready To Learn is a founder member of the Hong Kong Federation of Private Educators. You can be sure that your child is being taught in a registered school.

Registered: Educational Centres, Trinity ESOL / Cambridge Young Learners ESOL Test Centres

www.rtl.edu.hk

Need help? We are here to listen!

Our Centres



Department
Student Coordinator
Academic Coordinators

Administrator
Priscilla Ho
Claire Askham
Karen Dalton

Telephone
2356 9113
2770 2661
2332 9970

Email
priscilla.ho@rtl.edu.hk
claire.askham@rtl.edu.hk
karen.dalton@rtl.edu.hk

North Point: 1/F, Nam Fung Court, Harbour Heights, 1 Fook Yum Road, North Point, Hong Kong.
Yau Ma Tei: G - 2/F, Wing Sing Commercial Centre, 2-4 Wing Sing Lane, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon.
Hung Hom: G/F, #3 Tsing Chau Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon.
EDB Registration Numbers: 528455, 528447, 540307, 540293, 531871, 531863

Tel: 2512 9338
Tel: 2374 4722
Tel: 2362 7864