

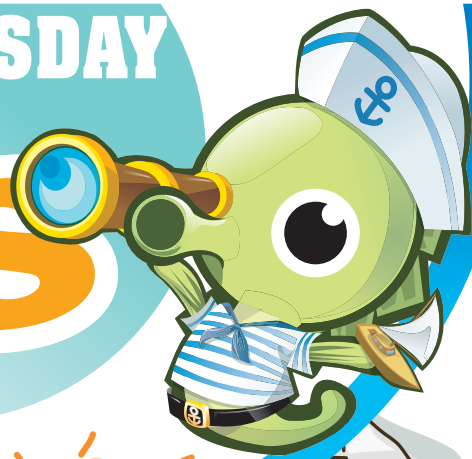
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Goodies



A fresh start



Editor's Note

Welcome back everyone!

I hope you enjoy school because then you will learn things quicker. Making friends and developing your character is also what you need to learn. I sometimes meet people who got the best grades at school but have the charm and personality of a dead fish! You also need to stand up to inconsiderate classmates who make life difficult for you. Rose is good at not letting Big Dee and cause trouble for everyone because she is tough with him. Turn to P9 to find out what advice she gives to a reader who does not like classmates shouting at her.



Simon

WELCOME back! We at *Goodies* hope you enjoyed your summer holiday. A new school year has begun in Hong Kong, and with it comes the usual worries and complaints about endless assessments and exams. Come take a look at how students cope in other parts of the world.



Schools around the world

A GOOD education is the key to a better future. It is not all **plain sailing** though. Students and parents complain of pressure from exams and assignments in public schools. Check out how students in other parts of the world cope with school.



All work and no play...

IT has become the **norm** for students in Hong Kong to attend tutorial classes or other lessons after school. Students in the mainland are even busier. Many of them – especially primary students who live in school hostels – have classes every day. Only Sunday afternoons are free. At 7am they have a **self-study** session. Then they attend regular classes, followed by more self-study until 5.30pm. They even have extra lessons on the second day of the Lunar New Year.



Standing on their own feet

CHILDREN in Japan (日本) are taught to go to school on their own from Primary One. Fortunately, schools in Japan are often located in residential areas with little traffic, so the roads are safer. The **daily routine** of Japanese students begins with breakfast at home. They rarely go out for lunch as the school provides meals. Some students even help with the preparation and distribution of lunch boxes.



Sleepy students

RESEARCH has found the number of American (美國的) students who nap in class is high at 73 to 85 percent. This has been blamed on US youngsters texting or playing computer games well into the night so they are unable to **concentrate** in class. To help students stay alert, most US schools open at 8.30am, and some as late as 9am.



There are many ways to teach, but more important is that you learn!



Take it easy

A PRIVATE sixth form college in the United Kingdom (英國) found that morning classes affect students' **attention span** and performance. So students report for class only at 1.30pm!

The Western style of schooling is often more flexible and relaxed. In London some schools hold classes on the lawn and along the River Thames (泰晤士河). Many schools do not have as much homework as schools in Asia do.

