NATIVE ENGLISH-SPEAKING TEACHER AT LLSY 2003-2005

On arrival at LLSY I was welcomed with enthusiasm and learnt that I would be teaching three year levels across two schools. Then we planned extra curricular activities so that I could interact with the other students in the school. Initially the children treated me like a celebrity (which I very much enjoyed!) but now this has progressed to a relationship of friendship. The children at LLSY are some of my best friends! I have had so much fun with them and the photographs show this.

The Shared Reading Big Book sessions with P1-P3 were a huge success and we laughed a lot. This year we have introduced the Oxford Reading Tree series so now all the students can enjoy Shared Reading by means of electronic books. The older students in P4 and P5 (pm) have also learnt to read English by participating in a painting workshop with me. This was quite messy but we had lots of fun. The P6 students in both schools have worked hard to improve their interview skills and we had mock interviews to prepare for the real thing. The School Sports Days, School picnics, Halloween, Christmas and the Verse-speaking Competitions have all given me the opportunity to converse with students from all years and I have been impressed by their friendliness and confidence. The P4 Treasure Hunt (am) and the P5 excursions to Stanley (am) were enjoyed by all. However some of my most pleasing conversations have been held with the students at recess and the regular emails and hand written letters I have received from some of the students in P4/P5 (pm) have been heartening.

Assisting with the Verse Speaking Competition and being allowed to have my own candidates was an
exciting experience, especially when Monica Lao came first in the P2 (am) section! Another thrilling moment was when our P6 (am) Choral Verse Speakers came second in their first attempt at this competition. I have never seen so many smiling faces! I enjoy the comradie within the school but the most enjoyable aspect is definitely my relationship with the children at LLSY.

My final photograph best sums up the time I have spent here. I have ‘had a ball’. The Principals are supportive, the teachers are hard-working and the students are friendly. I give LLSY and all its family my best wishes for 2005 and the next 10 years. I am sure that they will be even more successful in the future. Well done, LLSY!

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