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Mobile Apps



Nowadays, it is common for people to use a multitude of mobile apps on their electronic devices. Such apps allow users to contact people, pay bills and keep up to date with news. This is a generation where humans are highly dependent upon apps, otherwise known as the App Generation. Researchers are striving to discover whether apps are good or bad for us. So let's take a closer look.

What does "app" stand for? "App" is the abbreviated form of the word "application". It refers to a software application designed to run on a mobile device. People can download apps from apps stores such as the Apple Store and Google Play Store. There are millions of apps that can be used for different purposes like playing games and social interactions. Various studies have shown that 32% of people have an average of 21 to 50 apps installed on their smartphones. In general, these apps can be put into different categories, which include but are not limited to, food, shopping, travel, video, social media and communication.



Apps are now commonly seen as playing an important role in our daily lives with some being more ubiquitous than others. One such app is called "Snow". It is an app that includes lots of special effects for decorating or creating fun drawings on your face. For instance, there is a function that can be used to exchange your face with your friend's. "Snow" is just like the software Photoshop. However, the difference is that all modifications to pictures can be done in seconds. It is popular with adolescents, who take photos and videos with "Snow" and share them freely with friends and peers. Another favourite is a messaging app called "Telegram". It allows users to send messages, photos, videos and documents and create groups of up to 5,000 people.



The frequent use of apps should not necessarily be seen as something negative. One of the most important advantages is that our ability to communicate is far better than



before. Have you ever thought that you would not be able to communicate with your friends and family members while you are in another part of the world? Nowadays, apps have replaced letter writing, the way we talk to each other and even the way meetings are conducted. Apps like Skype allow face-to-face interactions so that users can chat anywhere at any time with just a simple click of a button. Apps make our life more convenient. However, what is behind the phenomenon of apps?



If you were a creative apps inventor, you could easily make your first million by yourself or alternatively you could choose to help others, including yourself. A boy called Ethan Duggan did such a thing. The app he invented is called 'Lazyhusband'. Have a guess, what is the app for? I guess you have already got some ideas telling by your smiling faces. He was fed up with his mother's requests for compliments.

up with an idea and soon uploaded recordings of his app that could be such as "You look great looks nice on you!" He mother when she needed course, this example is should do the same thing inventing an app is not as difficult as people might think. With that in mind, do you have any ideas of creating an app to earn your first pot of gold?



It wasn't long before he came got to work preparing it. He thousands of sentences into used to praise his mother today!" and "That dress set it to give responses to his some compliments. Of not suggesting that everyone for their mothers, rather that

There are two main reasons why great apps. They are in-app purchases and an app can be unbelievably high since an hundreds of technical talents. Therefore, advertisements are a good way to fund projects. However, if an app can became popular when it is released for public use, it can very quickly begin generating great sums of money by itself. Furthermore, there is an interesting phenomenon happening alongside the use of apps where people are fascinated with using real money to purchase virtual money in order to get things such as more updated equipment in games or more e-books to read. Due to the addictiveness of games and media, this can be a sure way to generate revenue for app developers.



fortunes can be made from inventing advertisements. The cost of developing app can involve the combined work of

You may find that "apps" are useful and that they really play an important role in our lives these days but it is also very easy to become addicted to using them. Remember not to be obsessed with "apps" and take time out from your devices to see the world around you. Hope all of you can make good use of "apps"!



OUR NEW MEMBERS

Mr Chan (T) was interviewed by Jenny Chow (5A), Bianca Leung (5A), Gloria Li (5A) and Cynthia Wong (5A) (Ss)



Ss: Mr Chan, why did you want to be a teacher?

T: When I graduated from university, my first job was an insurance agent. Later, I believed in Jesus and changed the goal of my life. I wanted to learn how to love others like Jesus, especially young people. So I decided to take up a job in the education field. I first worked as a teaching assistant. After nine months, I applied for a post of supply teacher and it was the beginning of my teaching career.

Ss: What is the biggest challenge of being a teacher?

T: The biggest challenge for me is how to prepare a good lesson. It is because students have different interests at different times. Now, the challenge for me is the use of e-learning. We have to use iPads in teaching so we have to integrate technology into the lessons. I am still learning how to use iPads effectively in teaching.

Ss: Can you suggest some ways to improve our English?

T: I remember when I repeated F.5, my English teacher advised me to read newspapers more often and then write a summary of each article. Also, I used to find out 20 new words and check their meanings. Besides, I watched BBC news to improve my listening and writing.

Ss: What do you recommend students do if they are under stress from their studies?

T: Don't focus on studies all the time. You have to do something that you like to relax.

Ss: Do you play any sports? How often do you exercise?

T: I love swimming and jogging. I often go swimming in the summer with my daughter as my daughter loves swimming too. At the beginning, I was not interested in jogging as my wife forced me to go jogging with her. But now, I love it since I can enjoy the beautiful scenery and the most important thing is I can do it with my family.

Ss: Which is your favorite country? Why?

T: My favourite country is Japan because it is tidy. Also, the air is fresh, which makes me feel relaxed. I love shopping in Japan too as the things are creative and special. They are different to what I see in Hong Kong. In addition, I can drive faster there because there is not so much traffic. That is what I can't do in Hong Kong.

Ss: Can you recommend some books that are worth reading?

T: I like reading the Bible because I can learn how to live my life -- how to love others like Jesus, how to live with my family, how to be a kind person, etc. Also, I understand what God did for us. I would recommend that you read the Bible as it is like a manual for our lives.

Ss: What advice would you give to our schoolmates if they want to be a teacher in the future?

T: I think attitude is more important than being knowledgeable. If you want to be a teacher, you should be patient and willing to love others. Also, you need to be a good learner and keep on improving yourself.

Miss Cheng (T) was interviewed by Tiffany Chan (5A), Mahmood Aisha (5A), and Natalie Wong (5A) (Ss)

Ss: Miss Cheng, why did you choose to be a teacher?

T: I chose to be a teacher because I wanted to accompany teenagers on their journey to discover themselves and to nurture their love of English.

Ss: Did you teach in other schools before you joined our big family?

T: Yes. I taught in 2 secondary schools in Tuen Mun and Tung Chung before I joined STSS.

Ss: What were your first impressions of our schoolmates?

T: I thought they were artistic, quiet and obedient.

Ss: Do you get along well with the other teachers?

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Ss: If your
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Ss: Can you give us

some advice on how to improve our English?

T: Students can revise their notes before exams. They don't need to study everything.

Ss: What do you think is our students' attitude towards learning English?

T: I think most of them are willing to learn, but they have to change their mindset with regards to revision before exams.

Ss: What is your expectations of our schoolmates?

T: I hope that they can get at least Level 3 in English in the DSE.

Ss: Miss Cheng, thanks for having the interview with us.

T: It's my pleasure.



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Mr Lau (T) was interviewed by Vicky Mok (5A), Ivy Lau (5A), and Heidi Tang (Ss)



Ss: Mr Lau, why teacher?

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Ss: What were our school?

T: The school learning hope students will environment and

Ss: What is the difference between our school and your previous school?

T: I think students in this school are nice and kind. They treat their schoolmates as their family members and the school as their 'second home'. They work very hard but the fly in the ointment is that they do not pay much attention to different social issues. Also, I found that some of them seldom read newspapers. This is the greatest difference between students of this school and my previous school.

Ss: What is the biggest challenge of teaching Liberal Studies?

T: The biggest challenge is to raise students' awareness of social issues. Most students seldom read newspapers. They don't know what is happening in Hong Kong as well as around the world.

Ss: Can you share a successful experience in learning?

T: Of course, yes! When I was in secondary school, I tried very hard to read as many textbooks as I could. To facilitate my studies, I tried to combine all the information and make notes for my revision. Finally, I got a satisfactory result. Making notes for oneself is an effective way of learning.

Ss: Can you give us some suggestions on improving our performance in LS?

T: In my opinion, students should read newspapers and watch the news on TV more often since it can help them to keep in touch with the world. More importantly, they can make use of the information as supporting details when writing their LS essays in exams.

Ss: Thanks Mr Lau for spending time with us.

T: You're welcome.

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teacher, I can work with and help them. Helping positive attitude towards me a sense of satisfaction. your first impressions of

is really big and the environment is good. I treasure this great learning strive for the best.



Miss Wong (T) was interviewed by Charis Chiu (4B), Rachel Cheung (4B), Phoebe Ho (4B), Christine Leung (4B) and Shirley Mak (Ss)

Ss: Miss Wong, what do you think of our schoolmates?

T: Many girls can speak fluent English and they are polite.

Ss: Do you have any expectations of our schoolmates?

T: I hope they will face failure positively and try their best in all areas.

Ss: Why did you want to be a teacher?

T: When I was a secondary school student, I admired one of my English teachers very much. So I aspired to be an English teacher. Also, I love talking to students.

Ss: If you were not a teacher, what would you like to do?

T: If I were not a teacher, I would like to be a piano tutor and teach kids how to play the piano because I love music very much.



S: Do you have any unforgettable experiences in teaching?

T: In the first year of my teaching, I worked in a band three secondary boys school. Once, two boys fought with each other and I punished them. Out of my expectation, they became best friends later.

Ss: Is it stressful being a teacher? If yes, how can you relieve your stress?

T: Of course, I think every teacher is under stress. When I play with my two-year-old daughter, I can relax. Besides, I

like listening to music and reading books when I am under stress.

Ss: What do you like to do in your spare time?

T: Actually, I don't have much spare time because I have to take care of my daughter. But sometimes I play the piano because I love music.

Ss: Do you like our school?

T: Yes. The school campus is very big and the facilities are excellent.

Ss: Miss Wong, thank you for your sharing.

T: You're welcome.



Students' good work

Small Deeds for Good's Sake

by CHUK In-chun, Edith 5A

Through good weather and bad, 90-year-old Wong Kwong has continued to sell ice-cream (which is cheap and delicious) from his heavy old-fashioned cart for the past 60 years. Spending 3 hours pushing a cart from Prince Edward to Shek Kip Mei is tiring, but Uncle Wong (as his customers call him) is glad to do so.

Because of his customers' happiness, he does not care too much about his income, and so insists on selling ice-cream every day. In his opinion, bringing a smile to his customers' faces is more valuable than money. He said that if his customers could not buy his ice-cream, they would be disappointed. Are there many businessmen who care about their customers' delight more than their profits?

Many people buy his ice-cream or help him to push the cart as they want Uncle Wong to go back home early. However, he does not mind the hours. "To sell ice-cream is my job and I enjoy it very much," he said. From buying his stock to selling the ice-cream, he does everything by himself. His work ethic really touches my heart. Although it is more convenient to buy ice-cream from supermarkets, we cannot get the same hospitality. If you buy ice-cream from a supermarket, you will not feel thankful. On the other hand, if you buy one from Uncle Wong, I bet you will value it so much more. His ice-cream might not be the cheapest nor the most delicious, but it has more 'heart'.

Uncle Wong's teaches me not to be selfish; he encourages me to think about other people's happiness. We can find joy from the happiness of others. Moreover, his willpower is an example to be followed.



In Good Faith to Help Others

by LEUNG Tsz-ching, Joey 6B

In my opinion, most people don't know how to explain or conform to the definition of 'Good People Good Deeds'. Nevertheless, I will attempt a definition. Good People Good Deeds is the term used to describe how kind people do some good acts that help others.

Last week, I was touched by an incident. I don't know if you will have the same feeling as me on hearing it. While I was walking along the street in Mong Kok, I saw an old woman dragging a heavy bag and pushing a heavy metal trolley. I could see that she couldn't handle both of them together. Suddenly, a man bumped into her and she fell to the ground. Instead of helping her up, the man scolded her. He called her blind and asked if she had deliberately bumped into him. Other passers-by pretended not to see her; nobody was willing to come forward to help her stand up. The man left the woman lying on the ground.

Luckily, a young lady with a child took the initiative to help her. I thought they were really kind to her. In addition, she seemed to be a good mother; this was a good example she was setting for her daughter. I appreciated her good teaching.





When the young lady and the child left, I heard the child ask her mother, 'Mother, why did we help the old woman just now? We didn't know her. Why didn't we just go? You're late for your appointment.' The young mother replied, 'It's true I am late, but we shouldn't ignore someone in need. Helping others makes me feel happy.'

I realized that we should help others as much as we can, and with sincerity, because one day we may also need someone's help. Without someone's help, the old woman would have had difficulty in getting up. She would also have little faith in people. Although it may inconvenience us at times, we should remember the saying: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'



Mr Li's English Corner

Lessons from the Animal Kingdom



A lack of teamwork?

Isn't it great when you're on the same page, working with others to achieve a common goal? That's right, I'm talking about teamwork. If you like doing sports, you might get asked the following question: Do you prefer team sports or individual sports? Some will say the latter because they don't have to rely on others, and that their success (or failure) depends on their own skills and performance. However, we should remember that a person who finds success in an individual sport at the

highest level will have a whole host of people behind them, supporting them, training them, managing them, etc.

Teamwork is important in all areas of life: at home, in school and at work. If you like animals, as I do, you'll see this all the time when watching wildlife documentaries. Penguins will stand close together to stay warm when it is very cold and ants will work in a coordinated manner in order to accomplish tasks quickly.

Also, when geese fly south the lead bird in the V formation has the harder job to push a way through the air. But when this bird gets tired, it moves back as another goose takes over.

Therefore, all the birds get a chance to rest and they reach their final destination that much faster – a perfect example of teamwork!



I recently saw a video clip about meerkats. These animals take turns to stand on duty in order to keep the group safe from predators. The other members can relax, look for food or play knowing that someone is keeping an eye out for them. This instinct to help others is strong in meerkats, but the video clip I watched was special in that it was not filmed in the wild but in the safe environment of a zoo in London. So while there were no real dangers, the meerkats continued instinctively to work together as a team.

Observing the behaviour of animals can remind us of the many ways in which we can work together. We all have unique skills and talents (as well as weaknesses), but to be a good team player we need to appreciate others' strengths and weaknesses. It's nice to win as an individual, but it's more satisfying to win as a team!

