

Monthly Newsletter

Explore History & Culture, Science & Nature, and Overseas Education this Spring!



Welcome to National Pet Month!

You know China has "People's Day" and Earth has "World Earth Day", but have you ever thought of pets having a month that is specially about them?

Originating in the UK, National Pet Month is observed from April to May each year. The campaign aims to promote the importance of being a responsible pet owner and the benefits of pet ownership, and supports pet adoption, raises awareness of those who work in animal-related industries, and raises funds for major UK pet protection agencies.

In this issue

National Pet Month!

Beyond Boundaries: The Hong Kong Arts Festival

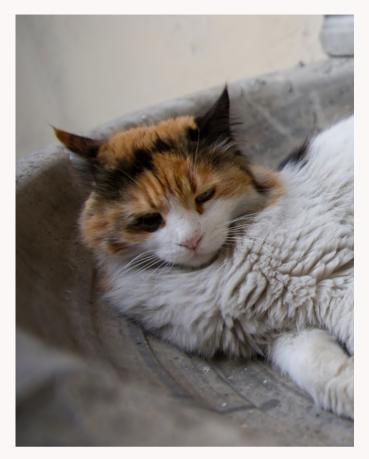
Exhibition: "Glories of The Celestial Empire: Tang Dynasty Culture and The Silk Road"

UK Girls' Schools Expo (April 30)



20







Pet Abandonment at All-Time High

A 2020 report by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)¹ found that more than 4.600 animals had been abandoned in just one winter. Dogs accounted for more than half, followed by cats, then horses. One of the agency heads, noting the increase in the number of people buying pets during the epidemic, expressed concern that people often buy pets on impulse, without carefully considering the care and financial responsibilities, and eventually abandon their animals. Sadly, this frequently happened in 2021, with local animal rescue agency Hope Rescue reporting the number of abandoned animals received by Pontyclun reaching a new 15-year high.²

Abandoned pets are usually sent to animal rescue agencies. However, the resources of these centers are not unlimited, and when they exceed capacity, pets have to be put down humanely. It is thus not difficult to understand the intention underlying National Pet Month. We may have learned the principle of being "loving towards animals" in childhood, but ultimately it is a lifelong classroom for all of society.

As we identify with the spirit of National Pet Month, and reflect on the roles and significance of pet ownership, let us help our children learn from an early age how to develop empathy and show care and respect as part of a responsible society.

^{1. &}lt;u>https://www.rspca.org.uk/-/news-more-than-4600-animals-reported-dumped-to-rspca-last-winter</u>

^{2.} https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-58996017



Watching Shrimps Grow Photo taken at See Change's Science & Nature Camp

Experiential Learning : Witness the Lifecycle of a Bug How can children develop a true understanding of what it means to care for animals? In addition to explaining the hard truths from stories and books, you may like to let your child learn through experience.

During the upcoming Easter holidays (11/4 Monday -22/4 Friday), See Change will offer its **"Science & Our World"** course in which children will have the opportunity to raise ants, mealworms or shrimps, and witness first-hand every moment of their lives from start to end. They will gain a wealth of scientific knowledge, about biological life cycles, ecosystems, food chains, evolution, and more.

The course is open to those aged 7 - 12 years. To check dates, times, and tuition fees and to register, please click <u>here</u>.

Or click <u>here</u> to **watch a short one-minute video**



Beyond Boundaries: The Hong Kong Arts Festival ^{Online}

Officially inaugurated in 1973, the Hong Kong Arts Festival is an important cultural event on the worldwide art scene, presenting performances every February and March by outstanding local and international artists, and organizing a variety of other educational activities to enrich Hong Kong's cultural life. Because of the pandemic, this year's festival is being held online. With many concerts free to watch, they have been available on demand around the world, offering people everywhere the opportunity to stay home and still enjoy operas, dramas, dances and musical performances.

Closing Performances: Italian semi-staged operas Cavalleria Rusticana and Pagliacci

Broadcast schedule: March 26, 8 p.m. to April 23, 8 p.m. HKT *Available on demand worldwide

For details of the performances, please click <u>here</u>.

Hot Tips for a Responsible Little Host

to learn more about the course.

- Think carefully before owning any pet and understand its unique habits.
- Remember: all animals need a nutritious diet.
- Provide a suitable living environment and clean up regularly.





Exhibition: "Glories of The Celestial Empire: Tang Dynasty Culture and The Silk Road"

Have you ever considered learning history not from books but from cultural relics?

Cultural relics offer valuable insights into dynastic change, the aesthetics shared by people at the time, and even the mysteries of cultural exchange, helping you feel and experience as though you lived in those ancient times.

Themed around the Tang Dynasty and the Silk Road, the "Glories of The Celestial Empire" exhibition features a variety of cultural relics, including gold and silver jewelry and utensils, stationery supplies, terracotta figurines, horse ornaments, bronze mirrors and tomb doors. Now several thousand years old, the original luster of the golden ornaments may have long faded through time and space, but still offer a fascinating insight into a glorious history and heritage.

Because of the current social distancing measures, the exhibition hall is temporarily closed, but will reopen in due course. For the reopening date and latest news, please visit: <u>https://www.cityu.edu.hk/bg/zh-hk/glories-of-the-</u>celestial-empire

Student's Reflections published in AroundDB Magazine



Elsa Cheng Form 1, Maryknoll Convent School (Secondary Section)

See Change student Elsa Cheng visited the exhibition and wrote an article to share her impressions and describe what she learned about the aesthetics of the Tang Dynasty, the circumstance of its trading center, and the customs of the people – all of which she said benefited her greatly.

Elsa's article was published in the AroundDB magazine. To read her reflections, click <u>here</u>.



UK Girls' Schools Expo (April 30)

Every year, C.I.S. Education - a strategic partner of See Change Education - collaborates with the Girls' Schools Association to organize an exhibition featuring private schools for girls in the UK.

With up to 140 girls' schools represented, including day schools and boarding schools, this Expo is a 'one-stop shop' for parents, providing them with up-to-date and comprehensive information as they consider private girls' schools in the UK as an option for their daughters.

A series of events such as webinars will be held before and after the exhibition to connect parents with representatives of the schools from the UK. One-on-one video calls between individual families and preferred school representatives can also be arranged on request.

See Change Education will provide free academic assessment at this event.

Get to Know Our Coaches

Amber, Speech & Debate, UK Test Prep

- University of Oxford Graduate
- Experienced Oxbridge & A-Levels 1-to-1 Coach
- GCSE: 11 A* and Distinction in IT skills
- A-Levels: A* in Biology, Chemistry, Math, A in Psychology

MA, University College London (Distinction)
BA, University of Cambridge

• Experienced English Reading and Writing Tutor

Luke, Reading & Writing, UK Test Prep

- A Levels: A* in French and Geography
- GCSE: 8 A* (including Maths and English)

Event Details

Date: 30 April 2022 (Sat)

Time: 10:30 am - 4:30 pm

Venue: 3/F, Ballroom, Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel and Towers, Tsim Sha Tsui

*If the event must be postponed because of pandemic-related restrictions, registered parents will be informed accordingly.

To participate in the event, please click <u>here</u> to register.