



Books & Beyond  
Reading Club

2023 - 2024

# Annual Report



Celebrating a Decade of  
Transformative Impact and  
Community Empowerment



# Message from Our Founder

As we reflect on the journey of the past year, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride as the founder of Books & Beyond Reading Club. This year marks our **10th anniversary**, a milestone that would not have been possible without the unwavering dedication of our volunteers, the trust of school principals and teachers, and the boundless enthusiasm of our young readers.

I am thrilled to share that we have reached and impacted about 6,000 students across 23 schools this year. Through our collective efforts, we have established Books & Beyond Reading Corners donating a total of 400+ books in 9 different schools, providing spaces where students can immerse themselves in stories and engage with comprehension questions and games using electronic devices, fostering a love for reading and learning.

One of the highlights of this year was the continuation of our summer program for kindergarten children, preparing them for the exciting journey ahead as they transition to 'big' school in the coming year.

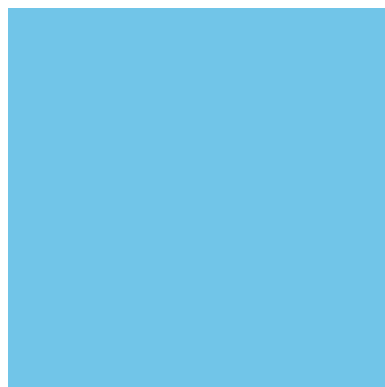
As we look towards the future, let us continue to work together to empower more young minds, instilling in them the joy and power of reading. I am deeply grateful for the support and dedication of each and every one of you who have contributed to our success and growth.

Thank you for being a part of the Books & Beyond Reading Club family!



**Barbara Kwok**

Founder



# Our Team Leaders

Meet the dedicated individuals who drive the heart of Books & Beyond Reading Club, leading with passion and commitment to nurture young minds and foster a love for reading.

Angel Yuk  
Anna Wong  
Bindiya Rupani  
Elaine Hung  
Elvis Lau  
Fiona Ho  
Janet Yau  
John Ko  
Kylie Yu

Lisa Tang  
Michelle Ho  
Nikhil Chadha  
Pui Pui Yau  
Sandra Leong  
Tanya Hsu  
Tina Cheung  
Wendy Tang

Dedicated



Compassionate



Reliable



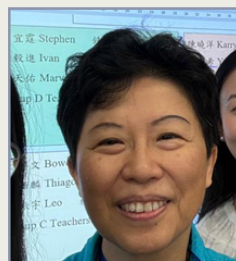
Empathetic



Enthusiastic



Selfless





# 2023-2024 Impact Report

This year's impact report highlights both challenges and successes that define our commitment to promoting social-emotional learning, literacy and a love for reading among students.

While we observed a decrease in online reading participation, this trend correlates with a significant decline in student populations across schools due to migration. Despite this challenge, we are proud to report an increase in the number of beneficiaries through our expanded storytelling events. By reaching out to a broader range of schools, we have successfully engaged more students than ever before, sparking their imagination and fostering a passion for reading.

23  
partner  
schools



5,942  
beneficiaries

628 hours  
of classes



10,628  
Online  
Reading  
Completed

2,449  
Listening  
Enhancement  
Exercises  
Completed



\$27,100  
Scholarship



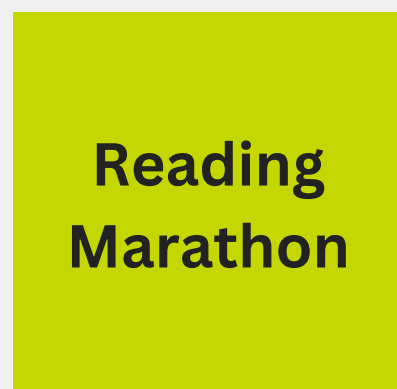
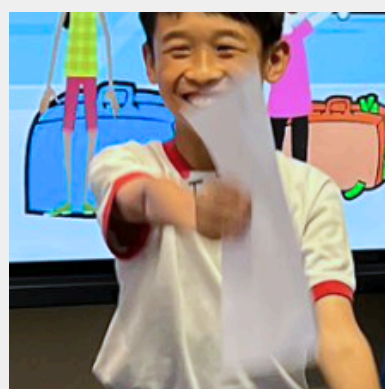
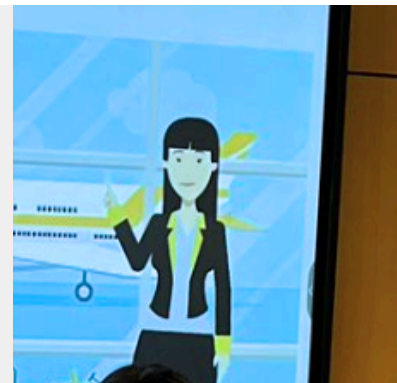
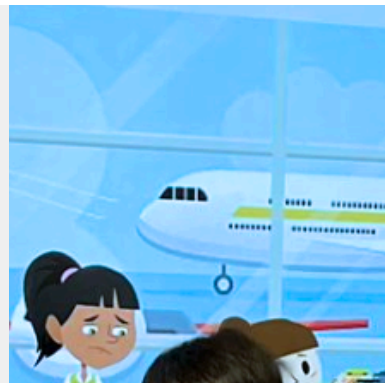
# Executive Summary

## Primary School Program

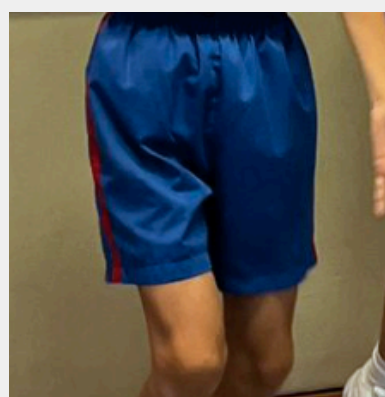
The 2023/24 year saw significant advancements in our **Interactive Storytelling Program**, which has continued to enhance interactive games designed to engage young minds. This year, we expanded our **Reading Marathon Classes, known as Junior Bear**, specifically to support students with lower English proficiency, providing them with tailored resources to boost their literacy skills.

Additionally, we are pleased to report the successful expansion of our **Listening Enhancement Program** to a new partner school, allowing us to reach and benefit even more students. These initiatives reflect our ongoing commitment to fostering a love for reading and improving literacy outcomes for all children in our community.

### Interactive Storytelling



### Listening Enhancement



# Secondary School Program

In addition to our core in-person **Conversations That Matter** classes, we introduced supplementary storytelling sessions aimed at strengthening students' English foundations and expanding their vocabulary.

Our focus on enhancing communication skills was evident through the dedicated **Conversation (Advanced) classes**. These sessions provided a platform for students to engage in meaningful discussions, improving their articulation and comprehension abilities significantly.

Furthermore, the **My Opinion Counts** initiative has been instrumental in improving students' argumentative writing skills. By encouraging them to present well-structured arguments supported by evidence, students have demonstrated notable advancements in their ability to substantiate their claims effectively.

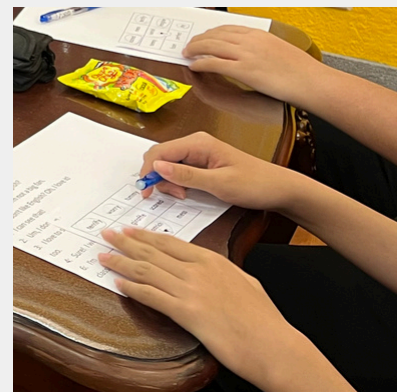
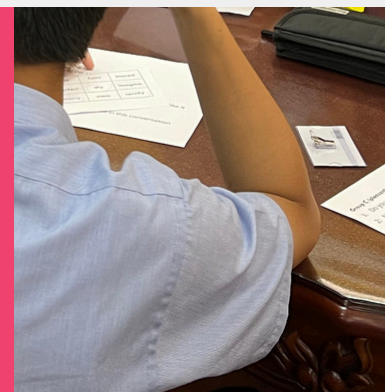


**My Opinion  
Counts  
(Argumentative  
Writing Class)**



**Conversations  
(Adv)  
Class**

**Conversations  
That Matter**





# Internship Program for Future Educators

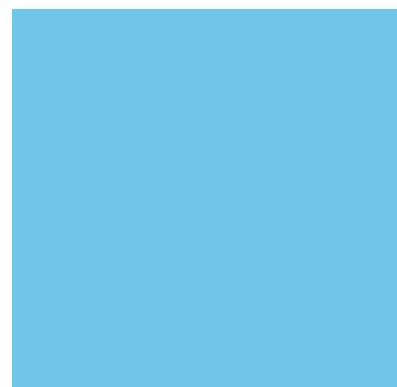
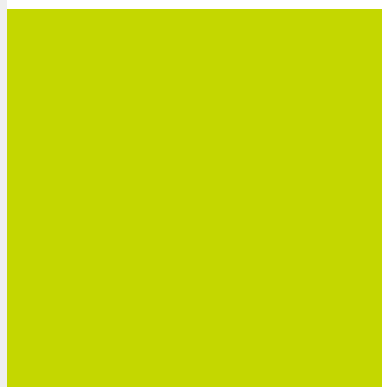
As we commemorate the fourth year of our **Internship Program**, we applaud the remarkable growth and accomplishments of post-graduate students at the University of Hong Kong. They have honed skills in lesson planning, interactive teaching, classroom management, and confidence-building through tailored coaching sessions.

This year, we expanded our reach to include undergraduate students from Education University, enriching their preparation for the classroom's demands and joys.

We are committed to offering valuable opportunities for aspiring educators and eagerly anticipate the journey ahead.

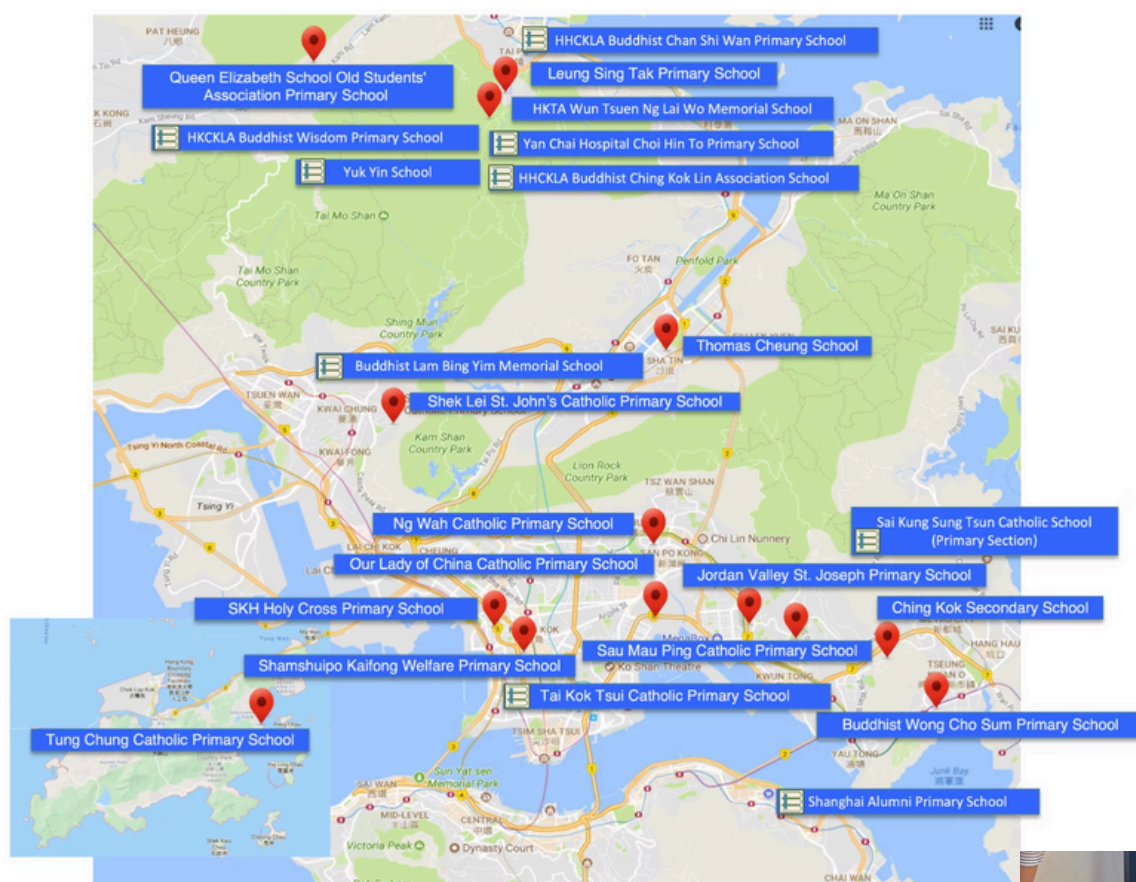






## Service Coverage

This year we have extended our service coverage to 23 partner schools across Hong Kong. Through a passion for reading and a commitment to fostering a love for literature, the club brings together a diverse community of students and educators.



**23** Books & Beyond  
partner schools

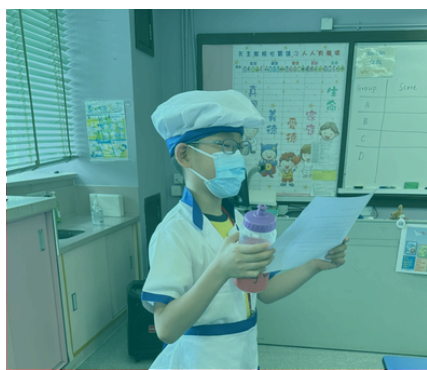


# Visionary Ventures

After a successful trial of the **Reading Marathon class**, we're going to expand to more partner schools to boost primary student reading habits. To maximize our nine Books & Beyond Reading Corners, we'll introduce a **Reading Buddy Program** in these schools. This program, in collaboration with corporations, will engage students through reading, comprehension activities, and tailored games.

For secondary students, we will launch a new **Conversations That Matter** curriculum in 2024/25. This curriculum focuses on practical dialogues for everyday use, enhancing engagement and meaningful discussions in the classroom. Our aim is to instill a love for reading and learning at every educational level. This innovative curriculum will focus on practical conversations and dialogues designed for everyday use, promoting active participation and meaningful discussions in the classroom setting.

With these initiatives, we are committed to creating enriching experiences that inspire a lifelong passion for reading and learning among students at every level. Stay tuned as we continue to innovate and make a positive impact on the education landscape.





# Financial Report

This financial summary is based on  
audited financial statements  
from September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024

Salaries	0
Activities cost	33,111
Auditor's Remuneration	5,000
Bank charges	400
Computer & accessories	8,579
Depreciation	6,140
Legal & professional fees	105
Printing & Stationary	5,594
Scholarship Sponsor	27,100
Sundry Expenses	18,767
Telephone & internet	4,346
Transportation & deliveries	<u>12,660</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>121,802</u></b>





# With Gratitude

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all principals and teachers of our partner schools, our supporters, and our dedicated volunteers for their invaluable contributions.

Agnes So  
Alan Wong  
Alana Ho  
Alden Chung  
Alfredo  
Alvin Wong  
Alysha Bibi  
Amanda Zhang  
Amber Lisa  
Angel Yuk  
Ann Ng  
Ann Yu  
Anna Wong  
Anne Yuen  
Ashley Tang  
Anthony Kwok  
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Chi Zhang  
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Christy Yi  
Cindy Tang  
Clara Szeto  
Clare Saunders  
Claudia Chan  
Colin Mak  
Connie Yuen

Crystal Chau  
Cyrus Lo  
Daniel Wan  
Dee Han  
Easther Sorasit  
Elaine Hung  
Ellie Yu  
Elvis Lau  
Eowyn Ho  
Ericsson Wong  
Estelle Randle  
Eunice Ho  
Eva Chau  
Evoone Yiu  
Febe Cheung  
Fiona Ho  
Francis Wu  
Gabi Wong  
Gary Lam  
Ginny Wong  
Gordon Franks  
Grace Lam  
Haydn Lo  
Herman Tsui  
Ian Beck  
Idy Pow  
Imogen Lisa  
Inderjeet  
Irene Lisa  
Isaac Cheung  
Isaac Leung  
Issac Lam  
Ivy Chan  
Jade Wong  
Jamie Lo  
Janet Yau

Jasmine Yeung  
Jennifer Lau  
Jennifer Li  
Jenny Huang  
Jessica Cheuk  
Jessica Chung  
Jessica Yi  
Jessie Liu  
Jillian Leung  
Jocelyn Poon  
John Ko  
Jonathan Lam  
Miranda Lam  
Joseph Ng  
Joseph Ng  
Judy Wong  
Juliet Koung  
Jurnee  
Karina Tan  
Kate Siu  
Kathy Lam  
Kingsley Tang  
Kylie Yu  
Laura Eggermont  
Laxmi Limbu  
Lisa Au Yeung  
Lisa Ouyeuung  
Lisa Tang  
Lisy Huang  
Lois Orekoya  
Lorraine Lau  
Louis Tong  
Louisa Yen  
Lucia Chen  
Lydia Kungsen  
Lydia Thurman  
Maggie Tsang

Mandy Cheung  
Manju Viswam  
Marcella Xu  
Martine  
Mary Ho  
Maxy Lee  
Megan Chan  
Melanie McAllan  
Melantha  
Men Koh  
Mengmeng Zhao  
Michelle Ho  
Miranda Lam  
Monica Zhang  
Morlene Page  
Nana Ho  
Nandita Sethi  
Nicole Tam  
Nigel Lam  
Nikhil Chadha  
Noa Yu  
Otis Xie  
Philip Chan  
Phoebe Siu  
Pierre Hernandez  
Pui Pui Yau  
Queenie Shum  
Rachael Ma TA  
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Rachel Hong  
Rachel Widia  
Rebecca Leung  
Ren Lisa  
Richard To  
Rivka Tang  
Rovena Tsoi

SC Cheung  
Sabrina Lin  
Sally Xie  
Sam Manna  
Sandra Lam  
Sandra Leong  
Scarlett Cheung  
Shelly Yu  
Shirley Chu  
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Shuk Wa Tsang  
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Stephanie Courtice  
Susan Lee  
Tanya Hsu  
Terence Tai  
Teresa Chan  
Tiffany Chan  
Tina Cheung  
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Viviane Lok  
Wendy Ho  
Wendy Tang  
William Carruthers  
William Yeung  
Wingki Lam  
Winnie Chu  
Winnie Wong  
Woody Lam  
Yue Lin Lee

**Partner Schools:**  
Buddhist Ching Kok Secondary School  
Buddhist Chan Shi Wan Primary School  
HHCKLA Buddhist Ching Kok Lin Association School  
HKCKLA Buddhist Wisdom Primary School  
Buddhist Wong Cho Sum Primary, Tseung Kwan O  
CUHK FAA Thomas Cheung School, Shatin  
Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association (HHCKLA)  
HKTA Wun Tsuen Ng Lai Wo Memorial School  
Jordan Valley St. Joseph's Primary, Kowloon Bay  
Leung Sing Tak Primary, Taipo  
Ng Wah Catholic Primary, Kowloon City  
Our Lady of China Catholic Primary, Kwun Tong  
Sau Mau Ping Catholic Primary School  
Sai Kung Sung Tsun Catholic School (Primary Section)  
Shanghai Alumni Primary School  
Shamshupo Kaifong Welfare Association Primary  
SKH Holy Cross Primary, Choi Hung  
Shek Lei St. John's Catholic Primary, Kwai Fong  
Tai Kok Tsui Catholic Primary School  
Tung Chung Catholic School, Lantau Island  
HHCKLA  
Yan Chai Hospital Choi Hin To Primary School  
Yuk Yin School

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