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School Name: HKFYG Lee Shau Kee Primary School

Participating Teachers: Candy, Fanny, Juliet

Participating Year: 2019 – 2020

1. How do your school benefit from participating in Core Skills for Life programme?

After joining the Core Skills for Life Programme, I found that all the skills are essential to one's learning path. For my school, three English Panel, including me, have joined this programme. We participated in three different topics. Three of us have applied what we have learnt in different levels and integrated them into our school-based curriculum.

The topic that I chose is Critical Thinking and Problem Solving. To my belief, as the society is getting more challenging, students need to be equipped with these important skills in order to cope with the ever-changing world. In my school situation, I have tried to integrate different teaching strategies I learnt from the programme in the task design. I appreciated a lot that my tutors gave me a lot of constructive feedback and comments which always inspired me to plan more effectively and how to better incorporate these skills.

For example, in our P.4 curriculum, we tried to include some critical thinking elements in one module. The topic of the module is about past and present. Students learnt about different aspects of life in the past and at present e.g. doing housework and entertainment. By introducing some comparison tools like using a table, students could compare the good points and bad points of, for example, doing the housework in the past and at present. After making different kinds of comparison, students needed to make decision on whether life is better in the past or at present.

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2. Which element do you enjoy the most/ you find it most helpful? Why?

I found the most helpful part is the mentorship support on lesson planning. I appreciate the questions raised by the mentor. What they feedback or commented on the plan led me to think from different perspectives. The questions always gave me new insights. Every time when I added more details about the teaching steps, they could give me a clearer overview of the plan. That was a really useful reflection. I especially like the suggestion the mentors made on how to take care of every student when doing the group work. In order to enhance students' learning, I got different teaching ideas about how to cater for learner diversity in the classroom context.

3. Why would you recommend other schools to join?

I think the most valuable experience that we as teachers can gain from the programme is lots of inspiring teaching ideas which can cater for different teachers' need. Besides, the feedback and comments from the mentors are of great use for many areas including planning, teaching and even giving feedback to students.

For new teachers, you will benefit a lot and you will find the programme useful for your future teaching life. For experienced teachers, you will get a lot of refreshment and some new teaching ideas for better improve your teaching, thus enhancing the effectiveness of teaching and learning. For curriculum leaders, I am sure you can bring some inspirations back to your school for improving your school curriculum.

