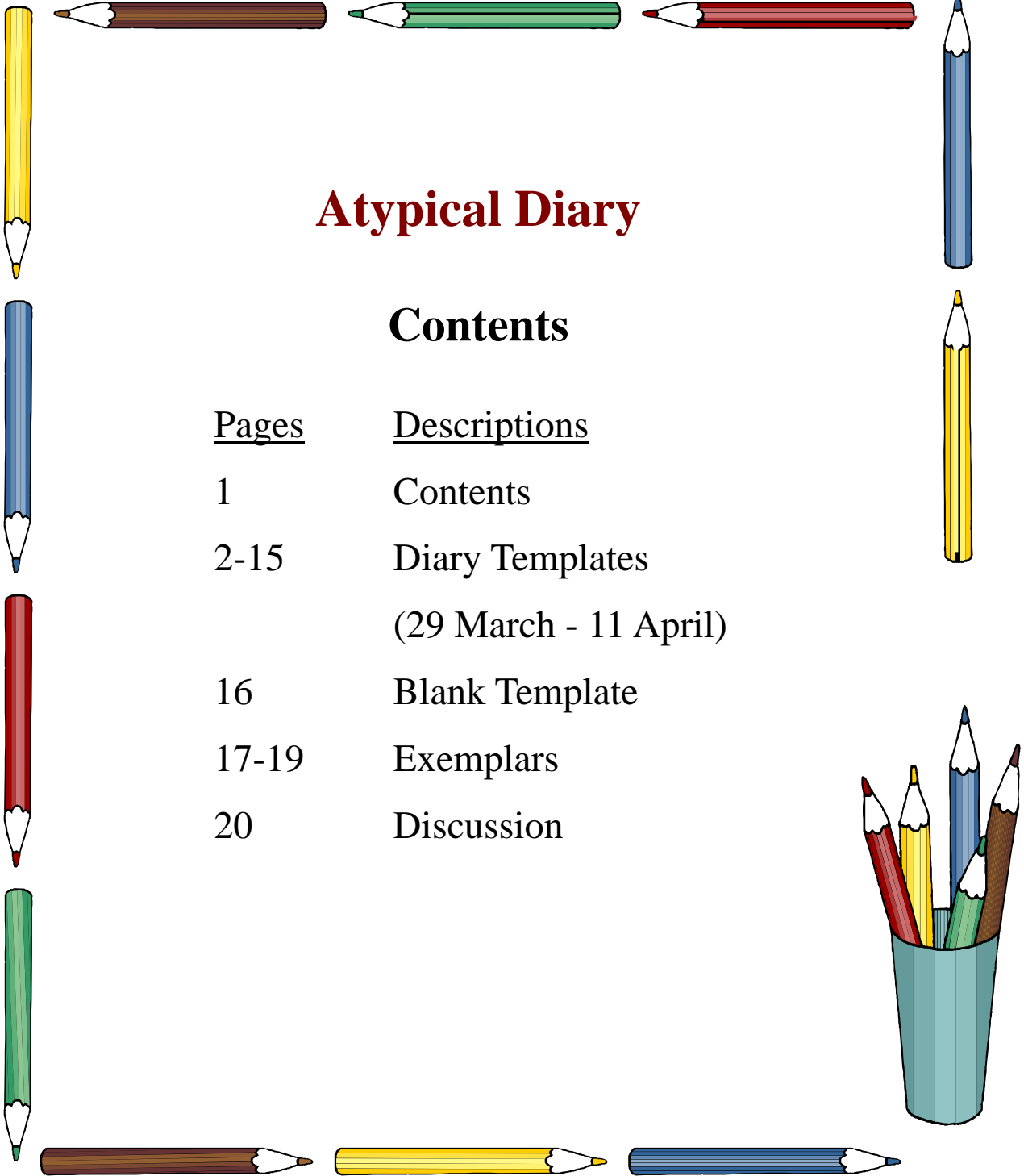


Writing Our Own History

Atypical Diary

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Cumulative Figures- on AP Cases	Cumulative No.	Total No. of Discharged Patients	Total No. of Deaths

Wish of the Day



29 March





Wise persons never let worries and fear overtake their lives. Fools do.

Class suspended: Day

Cumulative Figures on AP Cases	Cumulative No.	Total No. of Discharged Patients	Total No. of Deaths

Wish of the Day



 <p>Hot Topics</p>	
 <p>The Highlight</p>	
 <p>Life Goes On</p>	
 <p>Thought of the Day</p>	

God, thank you for giving me good health. Please extend your mercy to those suffering from illness and those in pain of losing their loved ones.

(Number of reported Atypical Pneumonia cases among residents of Amoy Garden shot up.)





30 March

Class suspended: Day

Cumulative Figures on AP Cases	Cumulative No.	Total No. of Discharged Patients	Total No. of Deaths

Wish of the Day



 <p>Hot Topics</p>	
 <p>The Highlight</p>	
 <p>Life Goes On</p>	
 <p>Thought of the Day</p>	

Life may be fragile; love endures.

31 March

Class suspended: Day

Cumulative Figures- on AP Cases	Cumulative No.	Total No. of Discharged Patients	Total No. of Deaths

Wish of the Day



Take a closer look at SARS (S-Sacrifice, A-Appreciation, R-Reflection, S-Support), you'll see how it brings colour to a plain life.

(Residents of Block E Amoy Garden sent to isolation camps.)





1 April

Class suspended: Day

Cumulative Figures- on AP Cases	Cumulative No.	Total No. of Discharged Patients	Total No. of Deaths

Wish of the Day



Social disturbance and legal prosecution. Is this what you want from the prank of yours?

(A fourteen-year-old student spread rumour on the internet that Hong Kong has been declared an infected city.)

2 April

Class suspended: Day

Cumulative Figures. on AP Cases	Cumulative No.	Total No. of Discharged Patients	Total No. of Deaths

Wish of the Day





When darkness goes and dawn comes, I know you'll be here again....

(WHO advised people not to go to countries or areas that are adversely affected by SARS.)





3 April

Class suspended: Day

Cumulative Figures on AP Cases	Cumulative No.	Total No. of Discharged Patients	Total No. of Deaths

Wish of the Day



Masks can't block sincere smiles and warm hearts. Discrimination and apathy do.





4 April

Class suspended: Day

Cumulative Figures- on AP Cases	Cumulative No.	Total No. of Discharged Patients	Total No. of Deaths

Wish of the Day



Let us take a deep breath of fresh air out in the countryside and
find true freedom from within.





5 April

Class suspended: Day

Cumulative Figures- on AP Cases	Cumulative No.	Total No. of Discharged Patients	Total No. of Deaths

Wish of the Day



I wish I were a singing bird energizing the weary health workers with sweet songs and vitality.

(Emergency room reopened in Prince of Wales Hospital. Medical practitioners continue to work day and night for victims of Atypical Pneumonia)

6 April

Class suspended: Day

Cumulative Figures on AP Cases	Cumulative No.	Total No. of Discharged Patients	Total No. of Deaths

Wish of the Day



Fear breaks our heart and restlessness drains our strength.

7 April

Class suspended: Day

Cumulative Figures. on AP Cases	Cumulative No.	Total No. of Discharged Patients	Total No. of Deaths

Wish of the Day



Moonlight, does my beloved sleep well in the cold hospital ward?





8 April

Class suspended: Day

Cumulative Figures on AP Cases	Cumulative No.	Total No. of Discharged Patients	Total No. of Deaths

Wish of the Day



 <p>Hot Topics</p>	
 <p>The Highlight</p>	
 <p>Life Goes On</p>	
 <p>Thought of the Day</p>	

Have I been home yet? Or am I just dreaming of my cosy nest?

(Residents of Block E at Amoy Garden were about to leave the isolation camp.)

9 April

Class suspended: Day

Cumulative Figures- on AP Cases	Cumulative No.	Total No. of Discharged Patients	Total No. of Deaths

Wish of the Day



Having faith in yourself and in others is the best medicine for life. Never give up.

10 April

Class suspended: Day

Cumulative Figures. on AP Cases	Cumulative No.	Total No. of Discharged Patients	Total No. of Deaths

Wish of the Day



Solidarity empowers us to face challenges,
and to embrace a better future in love and confidence.





11 April

Class suspended: Day

Cumulative Figures on AP Cases	Cumulative No.	Total No. of Discharged Patients	Total No. of Deaths

Wish of the Day



 <p>Hot Topics</p>	
 <p>The Highlight</p>	
 <p>Life Goes On</p>	
 <p>Thought of the Day</p>	



Cumulative Figures on AP Cases	Cumulative No.	Total No. of Discharged Patients	Total No. of Deaths
	470	43	12

Wish of the Day



Residents of Block E at Amoy Garden,
Get well soon!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs And Rats May Have Spread Virus. (SCMP.COM) • Progress Made But No Cure In Sight (The Standard) • Virus Hits Hospital Chief (The Standard) • US Forced To Double Troop Numbers (SCMP.COM)
	<p>Many people rushed to stock up on "anti-AP" products like face masks, antiseptic alcohol and medicated wet paper towels. Unscrupulous merchants fished in the trouble waters and raised the prices substantially. But decent suppliers assured the public of abundant supply of face masks and threatened to ban supply of face masks to dishonest merchants.</p>
	<p>Wearing face masks, washing hands frequently and avoiding unnecessary physical contact with objects and people have become guidelines in our daily living.</p>
	<p>Medical workers are facing overwhelming working pressure and being more susceptible to the infection while they are spending every single second to save lives... This is how I spent the day: I got a number of e-mails, which are about encouraging students to stay home and spend their time in a meaningful way, like refreshing their studies, acquiring new knowledge and helping with chores at home. I read several pages of Chinese History.</p>

29 March

Class suspended: Day

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Wise persons never let worries and fear overtake their lives. Fools do.

Cumulative Figures on AP Cases	Cumulative No.	Total No. of Discharged Patients	Total No. of Deaths
	761	99	17

Wish of the Day



May the war against AP be won and the Hong Kong economy revived, and soon!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fears Voiced Over The Possibility Of A Global Pandemic (SCMP.COM) • Local Doctor Dies As Cases Rise To 734 (The Standard) • Why Leslie Cheung - Who Gave Us Laughter And Tears - Deserves Respect (SCMP.COM) • Steel Trap Tightens On Baghdad (The Standard)
	<p>To contain the spread of Atypical Pneumonia, the Health Department urged residents of Amoy Garden who had left before the issue of isolation order on 31st March to contact the Department as soon as possible. This facilitates disinfection work at the Garden.</p>
	<p>Supermarkets are crowded with shoppers. Fewer people are going out for meals. Owners of restaurants and their staff desperately seek ways to bring in business.</p>
	<p>Pathologists and the medical professors are working desperately to decode virus structures, testing drugs, tracing sources of the disease. They work round-the-clock</p> <p>This is how I spent the day: I wrote a greeting card and I am going to post it to the medical workers of the Prince of Wales Hospital tomorrow.</p>

Masks can't block sincere smiles and warm hearts.

Discrimination and apathy do.

4 April

Class suspended: Day





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Cumulative Figures on AP Cases	Cumulative No.	Total No. of Discharged Patients	Total No. of Deaths
	970	142	27

Wish of the Day



May our health care workers bring AP to its knees!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virsus Hits Ngau Tau Kok Flats (The Standard) • Top Hotels 90pc Empty (The Standard) • Malaysia Bans Visas For Mainlanders As Toll Rises (SCMP.COM) • War Crimes Probes Are Under Way In Iraq (SCMP.COM) • Love will never die (The Standard)
	<p>Extensive cleansing and disinfection was carried out at the Lower Ngau Tau Kok Estate by the Housing Department and completed today. The Department, together with other government departments and voluntary organisations, is reaching out to the elderly, providing them with cleansing kits and face masks, as well as offering help in house cleaning and disinfection for those in need.</p>
	<p>The number of shoppers has dropped. Some shopping malls require shoppers to take disinfection measures at the door.</p>
	<p>All the members of a family of four have been infected with SARS. One is now in ICU (Intensive Care Unit), another in an incubator for new born babies, another in an isolation camp and the fourth in the house of a relative. The baby has not yet managed to sleep in her mother's loving arms. The child longs for family reunion. The husband is holding back tears behind the window of the camp, while his wife struggles for her very life.</p> <p>This is how I spent the day: I feel so bored spending the whole week watching TV at home. It bothers me to see Mother keeping herself busy cleaning here and there all day long. I long to go to the cinema with my friends from school. Spending all the time with my family is like in prison.</p>

Have I been home yet? Or am I just dreaming of my cosy nest?

(Residents of Block E Amoy Garden about to leave the isolation camp.)

9 April

Class suspended: Day

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1. Describe your observation of Hong Kong's battle against SARS with simple adjectives or phrases.
2. How does the media stimulate public response to AP? Give one or two examples as illustration.
3. How does the public make known their response to SARS through the media?
4. How does the media present: (i) individual behaviour, (ii) community reaction and (iii) international response? What are the strengths and limitations of these presentations?
5. With respect to your "Atypical Diary", discuss how far does the "free flow of information" benefit or damage the public in the fight against SARS?
6. What other things, such as photos or information items, that you would like to include in your time capsule?

