

# PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY!

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<b>CHARACTERS</b>	<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>PRINCIPAL HARRY</b>	Ho Ho Chai	6A	9
<b>VICE PRINCIPAL RONALDO</b>	Yeung Ho Ching	6B	34
<b>VICE PRINCIPAL ALICE</b>	Chan Hei	6B	4
<b>TEACHER CAROL</b>	Wong Cheuk Yiu	5E	19
<b>TEACHER DORIS</b>	Wong Ho Ying	6C	31
<b>TEACHER ELIZA</b>	Wong Tsz Yan	6B	33
<b>TEACHER FIONA</b>	So Lok Yiu Chloe	5C	27
<b>TEACHER GISELLE</b>	Lee Tsz Ching Jess <i>(Primary 4 Students)</i>	5A	17
<b>STUDENT OSCAR</b>	Alexander Fung	4C	1
<b>STUDENT PHANTOM</b>	Tang Tsz Wing	6C	27
<b>STUDENT QUEENIE</b>	Wong Cho lam	5A	31
<b>STUDENT REBECCA</b>	Chan Lok Ching	5A	2
<b>STUDENT SALLY</b>	Kwok Ching	4A	15
<b>STUDENT TIMMY</b>	Ng Yuet Hei	5C	24
<b>STUDENT USUALLY</b>	Law Wai Yu	6B	17
<b>TEACHER HELEN</b>	Tsang Tsz Ching <i>(Primary 5 Students)</i>	6B	29
<b>STUDENT HATALIE</b>	Shum Hiu Tung	6A	24
<b>STUDENT IRENE</b>	Kwan Zen	5B	12
<b>STUDENT JASON</b>	Lin Ho Ming	6B	20
<b>STUDENT KILLER</b>	Luk Kin Wai	6C	24
<b>STUDENT LARRY</b>	Wong Tsun Hei	4A	33
<b>STUDENT MONEY</b>	Yeung Kai Sum	5B	33
<b>STUDENT NICK</b>	Tsang Chung Yin	4B	23
<b>TEACHER IRENE</b>	Hui Tsz Ning Cliantha <i>(Primary 6 Students)</i>	6B	14
<b>STUDENT ANDAS</b>	So Long Kiu	4B	20
<b>STUDENT BELLE</b>	Chow Tsz Hei	5A	6
<b>STUDENT CHARLIE</b>	Chan Yin Ming	5A	4
<b>STUDENT DANIELLE</b>	Tsui Hoi Ying Margaret	6B	30
<b>STUDENT EMILY</b>	Wu Kwan Yi	5C	33
<b>STUDENT FANNY</b>	Lee Ho Ying	5A	16
<b>STUDENT GEORGE</b>	Cheang Siu Lun	6A	3

## Scene 1a: Assembly (Primary 4)

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### Sound Effect: 101 Announcement

- Vice Principal Ronaldo          Attention, boys and girls.  
This is your Vice Principal Ronaldo.
- Vice Principal Alice          And this is your Vice Principal Alice.  
Listen to this special announcement.
- Vice Principal Ronaldo          The Principal has called for a special Assembly.
- Vice Principal Alice          Please make your way to the School Hall immediately.

### Sound Effect: 102 Announcement

- Vice Principal Ronaldo          Did he say why?
- Vice Principal Alice          No idea! Let's find out!

### Sound Effect: 103 Bell

Primary 4 are arriving at Assembly.  
They are a very delightful and pleasant class.  
Teacher Giselle is very proud of this.

- Teacher Giselle          Line up, Primary 4.  
Good morning, class.
- P4 Students          Good morning, Teacher Giselle .
- Teacher Giselle          Are you all ready for the assembly this morning?
- P4 Students          Yes, Teacher Giselle .
- Teacher Giselle          So, in the School Hall, will you talk?
- P4 Students          No, Teacher Giselle .
- Teacher Giselle          You will...?
- P4 Students          Behave and be quiet.
- Teacher Giselle          That's right, class. And if you don't know how, just watch your classmates,  
Oscar and Phantom.
- Oscar          Don't worry, Teacher Giselle .

Phantom                    We'll be very good, Teacher Giselle !

Teacher Giselle            You are such angels! Follow me.

Teacher Giselle goes into the Hall.

Queenie                    **(mockingly)** Don't worry, Teacher Giselle .

Rebecca                    **(mockingly)** We'll be very good, Teacher Giselle !

Queenie                    Maybe you can fool our teacher.

Rebecca                    But you cannot fool us

Oscar                        Did we say you could talk?

Phantom                    Did we?

Sally                        But, but...

Timmy                      That's unfair!

Usually                     We didn't say anythin...

Queenie                    **(like a bully)** Shut your mouth...

Rebecca                    **(like a bully)** Or you'll be sorry.

Teacher Giselle            Students!

Oscar and Phantom        **(cheerfully)** Coming!

Primary 4 proceed, but are scared of Oscar and Phantom.

## Scene 1b: Assembly (Primary 5)

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### Sound Effect: 104 Bell

Teacher Helen            Alright, it's Assembly Time. So, you need to...

Jason                        Behave!

Killer                      And be quiet!

Hatalie                     Exactly! Please be quiet!

Jason                        Okay! We can be quiet!

Irene                        Then, be quiet!

Killer	We'll be quiet... in the Hall!
Hatalie	Stop it!
Larry	Stop what?
Irene	Stop it!!
Money	Stop what?!
Hatalie	Shut up!
Nick	Awww! You said, "Shut up"!
Jason	Teacher Helen, Hatalie said, "Shut up".
Teacher Helen	Now, now. Girls, why are you talking to the boys like that?
Irene	To the boys? They are the ones who won't shut up!
Jason	See? They won't stop it!
Hatalie	You stop it!
Teacher Helen	Stop it, now. We are here. Time to....
Jason	Behave!
Killer	And be quiet!

Primary 5 proceed, and the girls have given up trying to reason with the boys.

## Scene 1c: Assembly (Primary 6)

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### Sound Effect: 105 Bell

Teacher Irina	Okay, students, it's time for...
George	Assembly! We heard. We have ears, you know.
Teacher Irina	Yes, I know. So, please, remember to...
Andas	To behave and be quiet! We know!
Belle	We have known for six years!
Teacher Irina	That's good. I'm sure you can...
George	Teacher Irina, listen, we know you are a Timmyeacher, and you are

finishing your training at our school this year. So here is some advice from us to you.

<b>Andas</b>	Relax!
<b>Belle</b>	Don't be so serious!
<b>Teacher Irina</b>	Relax?
<b>Charlie</b>	This is school!
<b>Danielle</b>	Not a prison.
<b>Emily</b>	I'm sure school was different in your days.
<b>Fanny</b>	But that was a long time ago!
<b>Belle</b>	You can't live your life with so many rules!
<b>Charlie</b>	You need to enjoy life!
<b>George</b>	Y.O.L.O.!
<b>Teacher Irina</b>	Y.O.L.O.?
<b>George</b>	You only live once! Come on, everyone! Let's show our Teacher Helenow to enjoy Assembly!
<b>All Primary 6 Students</b>	Yeah! Y.O.L.O.! Y.O.L.O.! Y.O.L.O.!

Primary 6 proceed, and everyone follows George's lead.

## Scene 1d: Assembly (Whole School)

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### Sound Effect: 106 Assembly

The Hall is now filled with the Teachers and Students.

Teacher Carol and Teacher Doris greet Teacher Giselle and the "angelic" students of Primary 4.

Teacher Eliza and Teacher Fiona greet Teacher Helen and the girls of Primary 5 vent their problems to them.

**Vice Principal  
Ronaldo**                      Attention, boys and girls.

**Vice Principal Alice**        Please welcome your School Principal.

The school applauds as the Principal takes the stand.

He is a cheerful man who smiles with hopefulness and confidence in the Students and Teachers.

Principal Harry                    Good morning, boys and girls.

Everyone                            **(low energy)** Good morning, Principal.

Principal Harry                    Oh, you can do better than that.  
I said, "Good morning, boys and girls!"

Everyone                            **(higher energy)** Good morning, Principal.

Principal Harry                    Now, that's more like it!

Did you have a good weekend? I had a wonderful weekend. I was reading this fantastic book, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Who has read this book?

In it, a young boy named Charlie got the chance of a lifetime. He got a golden ticket to visit a Chocolate Factory along with some other children. They got to see what it took to make children's dreams come true.

And I thought, what a wonderful idea!

Teacher Carol and  
Teacher Doris                    **(in a hopeful way)** Uh-oh.

Teacher Eliza and  
Teacher Fiona                    **(in a hopeless way)** Uh-oh.

Principal                            I thought... why not give a golden ticket to one Hatalieere?  
And instead of a Chocolate Factory, we'll call it "Principal for a Day!"

Everyone reacts.

Principal                            One lucky student will get to be Principal for a Day!  
This lucky Charliean show us how to run the school for one day!

Teacher Eliza                        But, Mr. Principal!

Teacher Fiona                        We already have a principal, you!

Principal Harry                    Aha! That's the fun part.  
I won't be the Principal for the Day.  
I'll be one of the students!

Everyone reacts.

Principal Harry                    So, one lucky student will learn to run the school, and I'll learn to be one of the students! Who knows? Maybe I can help you solve your problems in class! Isn't it a great idea?

Silence.

Principal Harry            I said, "Isn't it a great idea?"

Everyone reacts.

Principal Harry            So, here is the lucky draw box!  
And the lucky student who will be Principal for a Day is...  
From Primary.... 6... George!

All of Primary 6 are very happy for George.

George                      O-M-G! This is the best day ever!  
Hashtag, Awesome!  
Principal for a Day!

Primary 6                    Principal for a Day!  
Principal for a Day!  
Principal for a Day!

Principal Harry            Congratulations, George.  
And everyone, back to your classrooms.  
Who knows, you might get a new classmate?  
Me? Goodbye, boys and girls!

Everyone                    Goodbye, Principal.

George                      That's *me*! Principal for a Day!  
Y.O.L.O.!

Primary 6                    Y.O.L.O.! Y.O.L.O.! Y.O.L.O.!

Music: 201 Tango

End of Scene 1

## Scene 2: Principal's Office

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The Vice Principals take George to the Office of the Principal.  
He is also joined by his classmates and Teacher.

Vice Principal  
Ronaldo                      And here is the Office of the Principal.

Vice Principal Alice                      You will do your work here today.

George                      So, no classes for me today?

Vice Principal  
Ronaldo                      No classes.

George                      Principal for a Day!

Primary 6 Students                      Principal for a Day!

Vice Principal Alice                      But your classmates need to go to class.

Primary 6 Students                      What?

Teacher Irina                      Please, don't upset them.

Andas                      Why do we have to go to class?

Belle                      We came here together!

Charlie                      Together!

Danielle                      Where he goes...

Emily                      We go!

Fanny                      That's right!

Vice Principal  
Ronaldo                      But the Principal is a very busy job.

Vice Principal Alice                      Even for one day.

Teacher Irina                      Please, don't upset them.

Vice Principal  
Ronaldo                      Why are you so afraid of them?

Vice Principal Alice                      Aren't you a teacher?

George                      **Student** Teacher.  
And since *I* am Principal for a Day, actually *I* am above **her**.  
And I say, Primary 6 has no classes for today!



<b>Vice Principal Ronaldo</b>	No classes for today?
<b>Vice Principal Alice</b>	But, Principal!
<b>Andas</b>	What did you say?
<b>Vice Principal Alice</b>	I said, "But, Principal..."
<b>Belle</b>	That's right! He's the Principal!
<b>George</b>	So, you'd better do as I say!
<b>Primary 6 Students</b>	Principal for a Day! Principal for a Day! Principal for a Day!

**The Vice Principals and the Teacher Giselle give up, and exit.  
Teacher Eliza enters, needing some help.**

<b>Teacher E</b>	Principal, Principal.
<b>George</b>	Yes?
<b>Teacher E</b>	20 percent of students failed in Chinese, English and Math. We need to talk to their parents to help them do better.
<b>George</b>	Why? If they failed, they failed! They can repeat! So, they will really learn their lesson.
<b>Primary 6 Students</b>	Repeat!
<b>Teacher E</b>	But, Principal...
<b>George</b>	You can go. Guys, anyone can do this job!
<b>Primary 6 Students</b>	Principal for a Day! Principal for a Day! Principal for a Day!

**Teacher Fiona enters, needing some help.**

<b>Teacher Fiona</b>	Principal, there is a problem in the canteen. We found nuts in the lunch food, but some students don't eat nuts...
<b>George</b>	The canteen food is terrible! Just order McDonald's for everyone!
<b>Teacher Fiona</b>	But, Principal...

**George** You can go.  
Guys, this job is easy!

**Primary 6 Students** Principal for a Day!  
Principal for a Day!  
Principal for a Day!

**Teacher C** Principal, the parents of the repeating students have complained.  
Now, the EDB is calling the school!

**Teacher D** Principal, the students have got stomach ache from the McDonald's food.

**Teacher Giselle** Principal, the printer is not working.  
But Primary 4 has a test today.

**Teacher Helen** Also, the Primary 5 heater is not working.

**Teacher Irina** Also, Primary 6 won't listen to me!

**Vice Principal Ronaldo** Excuse me, Principal!  
The parents are complaining about the school.

**Vice Principal Alice** Excuse me, Principal!  
The parents are complaining about the Teachers!

**All Teachers and Vice Principals keep complaining.**

**George** Stop it! One at a time!

**All Teachers and Vice Principals keep complaining.**

**Primary 6 Students** Principal for a Day!  
Principal for a Day!  
Principal for a Day!

**George** Stop it! Okay, guys, go back to class.  
I have work to do.

**Primary 6 Students** Back to class?!  
Awwwww! Epic Fail!!!

**All Teachers and Vice Principals keep complaining.**  
**Primary 6 leave George to deal with the problems.**

**Music: 301 Another Brick in the Wall**

**End of Scene 2**

## Scene 3: Primary 4 Classroom

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Primary 4 are having lessons in their classroom.

- Teacher Giselle            And what is the present continuous tense of “we swim”?
- Oscar                        We are swimming!
- Teacher Giselle            That’s right, and remember that “swimming” is spelt...
- Phantom                    S-w-i-**double-m**-i-n-g.
- Teacher Giselle            Very good indeed! You are ready for your test.
- Principal Harry            A test?
- Teacher Giselle            Oh, hello, Principa...
- Principal Harry            No, no, today I am just a student.  
May I join the lesson?
- Teacher Giselle            Why, of course! Students, please make our new *classmate* feel welcome!
- Oscar                        Don’t worry, Teacher Giselle.
- Phantom                    We’ll treat him like our own classmate.
- Teacher Giselle            You really are angels!  
Now, where are the test papers?
- Announcement by  
Vice Principal  
Ronaldo                    Teacher Giselle, Teacher Giselle, please report to the Principal’s office.
- Oscar                        Uh-oh, Teacher Giselle, are you in trouble?
- Phantom                    Of course, she isn’t. **She’s** the real angel.
- Teacher Giselle            You are so sweet.  
I’m sure it’s about the printer and your test papers.  
I’ll be right back! Oscar and Phantom, please can you clean the board?
- Teacher Giselle leaves.
- Oscar                        You, new kid! Clean the board.
- Principal                    Do you mean me?
- Phantom                    Who else is he talking to?
- Principal Harry            But, I thought the Teacher asked you to...

Oscar	We said we'll treat you like our own classmate.
Phantom	And every classmate will obey us.
Principal Harry	Oh dear. You aren't angels at all... you're...
Queenie	Devils?
Rebecca	Monsters?
Sally	Villians?
Timmy	Bullies?
Usually	All of the above?
Principal Harry	Don't talk like that.
Queenie	But it's true.
Rebecca	They always treat us badly!
Sally	They don't respect others.
Timmy	They don't care about others.
Usually	They only care about themselves.
Oscar	That's true!
Phantom	Very true!
Principal Harry	But that can't be true.
Oscar	Why not? Because we're little?
Phantom	Just because you are taller, doesn't mean you are better!
Principal Harry	Why do you say that?
Oscar	Because that's what they all think!
Phantom	People see us, we're so small, we're so cute!
Oscar	We are not small. We are not cute!
Phantom	Stop judging us for how we look!
Oscar	Looks change! One day, we'll be as tall as you!

Phantom Or even taller!

Oscar And then, you MUST respect us!

Phantom You MUST!

Principal Harry Why are you so angry?

Oscar Because no one respects us!

Phantom They never do!

Principal Harry But... I think they do respect you.

Oscar No, they don't!

Phantom They think we are smaller and less important.

Queenie No... you are wrong.

Rebecca Only *you* think that.

Sally But *we* never did.

Timmy And we never will!

Usually We don't care about how you look.

Phantom What's important is what you say.

Queenie And how you treat us.

Principal Harry Are you listening to what they're saying?

Oscar Yes... I think so.

Principal Harry Can you trust them?

Phantom Yes... I think so.

Queenie Good.

Rebecca I'm glad.

Sally We can help one another.

Timmy Okay, speaking of helping...

Usually Let me help clean the board...

Oscar No, let us. The teacher asked us.

Phantom                    You guys, relax. Get ready for the test.

Primary 4 Students        ...Thank you.

The class calms down and Oscar and Phantom fulfil their duties.

Principal admires the class as he quietly tries to leave.

The other Primary 4 students approach him quietly as he is leaving, and they thank the Principal.

Music: 401 Trouble

End of Scene 3

## Scene 4: Primary 5 Classroom

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Primary 5 are having lessons with Teacher Helen in the classroom.  
Principal quietly joins in, as he waves his hand, and everyone waves back.

**Teacher Helen** So, you see, there are many types of charities we can volunteer in.  
Can you tell us what volunteer work you have done?

**Hatalie** Actually, sometimes, I sell flags...

**Jason** Yes, last week, I also helped to sell flags on the street!  
It was so cold outside, but it was fun.

**Teacher Helen** Just like in here, the heater is not working.

**Irene** Also, last Christmas, we visited some elderly...

**Killer** I was there, too! Visiting the elderly home!  
We brought them presents!

**Larry** We ate some Christmas cookies.

**Money** And gave them Christmas cards.

**Nick** And we sang some Christmas songs.

**Teacher Helen** You did?

**Announcement by  
Vice Principal Alice** Teacher Helen, please report to the Principal's office.

**Teacher Helen** Finally! I think they will send someone to fix the heater.  
You can continue the discussion, please.

**Principal Harry** You sang Christmas songs?

**Hatalie** Yes, a lot of songs, like....

**Jason** *Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells...*

**Killer** *Jingle all the way...*

**Larry** *Lady Gaga kicked Obama...*

**Money** *Out of USA...*

**Nick** *Hey!*

**Hatalie** Enough!

Principal Harry            Is everything okay?

Irene                        No, everything is not okay! Okay?

Principal Harry            Oh dear, what's wrong?

Suddenly, the girls are silent.

Jason                        They won't say it because you are here!

Killer                        Yes, the Principal.

Principal Harry            It's alright, I'm not the Principal today, remember?

Hatalie                      ...It's *them*!

Irene                        The boys!

Hatalie                      They're so...

Irene                        Annoying!

Hatalie                      They always shout...

Irene                        So loudly!

Hatalie                      And they always interrupt...

Irene                        When we are speaking!

Hatalie                      I wish we had no boys in the *class*!

Irene                        I wish we had no boys in the *school*!

Primary 5 boys            Hey!

Principal Harry            Girls, I know that boys are sometimes loud.

Primary 5 boys            Yeah!

Principal Harry            Or very active.

Primary 5 boys            Yeah!

Principal Harry            Or a little rude.

Primary 5 Boys            Yeah... Hey!

Principal Harry            But, they are just different. Sometimes, girls are more polite than boys. And the boys need to learn from your example. Can you be an example?



**Hatalie** I guess.

**Irene** But do they have to be so loud, all the time?

**Principal Harry** And boys, can you learn to control your voices more?  
It's great that you enjoy the lesson.  
But for others to hear us, we don't need to shout.  
Can you do that?

**Primary 5 Boys** **(loudly)** I guess.  
**(softly)** I guess.

**Principal** We need to work together, with all types of students.

**Primary 5 Boys** Even the loud ones.

**Primary 5 Girls** Even the quiet ones.

**Principal Harry** To be different is normal. But we must work together.

**Primary 5 students** ...All right.

**Principal Harry** So, what was that Christmas song again?

**Primary 5 students** *Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells...*  
*Jingle all the way...*  
*Lady Gaga kicked Obama...*  
*Out of USA...*  
*Hey!*

**Music: 501 Joy to the World**

**End of Scene 5**

## Scene 6a: Principal's Office

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All Teachers and Vice Principals are still complaining.  
George is trapped under all their complaints.

**George** All right! I'm listening, I can only solve one problem at a time!

**Teacher Carol** But that isn't good enough!

**Teacher Doris** The Principal needs to solve many problems at once!

**Teacher Eliza** That's the job of a Principal.

**Teacher Fiona** And since you're Principal for a Day...

**Teacher Irina** It's your job! No one else can help you!

**All teachers and Vice Principals** And we need you to help us!

All Teachers and Vice Principals are still complaining.  
George is trapped under all their complaints.  
Principal quietly enters, but no one notices him.  
Except George.

**George** Principal!  
They need you!  
**We** need you!  
O-M-G, your job is so difficult! I cannot believe how you do it.

**Principal Harry** O-M-G, your job is so difficult, too!  
School life is not easy.  
Not for Principals, or Vice Principals, or Teachers, or Students.

**George** I didn't realize how hard everyone is working.  
Every piece of the puzzle is so important!  
Please, please, I don't want to be Principal for a Day!  
I'm happy being a student!

**Principal** Are you sure?

**George** Y.O.L.O.!

George escapes.  
The Scene transitions from the Principal's Office to the Assembly.

**Principal Harry** Every piece of the puzzle is so important.  
I thought that as Principal, I had all the answers. But I don't.  
All of us are still finding our answers.  
Finding our purpose.  
Finding our place in the puzzle.

## Scene 6b: Final Assembly

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Teacher Carol	Every piece of the puzzle is so important.
Teacher Doris	So that's why we need to listen more, care more, speak up more.
Teacher Eliza	This puzzle is our school. But our school is only a piece of the puzzle of the world.
Teacher Fiona	And piece by piece, we can make this world a better place.
Vice Principal Ronaldo	So today, for our Final Assembly...
Vice Principal Alice	We send you off with this last advice:
Principal Harry	Do your part... Do your best... Give your best... And shine your light, as brightly as you can!

### Music: 601 Firework (by Katy Perry)

**Primary 4 Students:**

*Do you ever feel  
Like a plastic bag  
Drifting through the wind  
Wanting to start again*

**Primary 5 Students:**

*Do you ever feel  
Feel so paper-thin  
Like a house of cards  
One blow from caving in*

**Primary 6 Students:**

*Do you ever feel  
Already buried deep  
Six feet under  
Screams but no one seems to hear a thing*

**Teachers, Vice Principals and Principals:**

*Do you know that there's  
Still a chance for you  
'Cause there's a spark in you*

**All:**

*You just gotta  
Ignite the light  
And let it shine  
Just own the night  
Like the Fourth of July*

**(Chorus)**

*'Cause baby, you're a firework  
Come on show them what you're worth  
Make them go, "Oh, oh, oh"  
As you shoot across the sky*

*Baby, you're a firework  
Come on let your colors burst  
Make them go, "Oh, oh, oh"  
You're gonna leave them all in awe*

**(Chorus)**

*'Cause baby, you're a firework*

## End of Scene 6

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