

Thrive at E-Smart

April 2017

From the Headmaster's Desk

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

The Holy Bible Ephesians 4:32

Dear parents,

Spring is here, and we will soon be celebrating Easter, one of the most important festivals for the followers of Jesus Christ. I have always spent this time pondering the life of Jesus – the hardships he endured as a child, his teachings, ministries, and most importantly, his death and resurrection, for which the Cross has become the most significant symbol of the Christian faith.

While adoring Jesus for his atonement of our sins through his excruciating death on the Cross and his final victory by coming back to life three days later, a lot of us may not see its connection with our lives. After all, it is a two thousand years old story and we can hardly see ourselves making the same level of sacrifice for others.

Indeed, in such a highly competitive society as Hong Kong, many of us have been taught to fight for our fair share or even step on others to succeed. Servanthood or sacrifice for the sake of others is surely not a popular notion. What we witness, however, is a society in which people are alienated from one another – employers seeing their employees as sheer commodities for generating profits, employees putting in extremely long hours at work merely for material gain, and people networking for business rather than making real friends.

However, what Jesus demonstrated on the Cross – compassion and servanthood – is not that distant to us, and if more of us are practising servant leadership in our workplace, at our home and at school, our world will certainly become a better place. Though a Christian for more than 40 years, I got such new understanding of the meaning of the Cross while working as a mentor at a university last year.

In one of the workshops of the mentorship program, the speaker lay on the floor facedown, with his hands fully stretched. Then he asked a few students to walk from one side to the other by stepping on his body. Amazed by the servanthood of the speaker, the students were encouraged to become a bridge so that others could attain success through them. What I saw, on the other hand, was a Cross on the ground, symbolizing our reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ our Saviour. By following Jesus' example of compassion and servanthood in our life, we can also help other people lead a better life.

Such acts of kindness can be as small as holding the door for someone behind you or saying thanks to a cashier at the supermarket. We can share a fruit or a loaf of bread with a homeless person or help a young mother carry the baby stroller down the steps. As a boss, we can be more

attuned to the needs of our subordinates. I still remember two days after my older son Jonathan was born, my boss saw me dozing off in my office and quickly 'ordered' me to go home and spend the next few days with my newborn. Even as a subordinate, we can go out of our way to help our coworkers in need rather than work in strict accordance with our job specifications. The family will also be a haven if every member is willing to serve instead of leaving all the chores to the domestic helper or the mother.

May you and your child be enlightened by the Cross this Easter!

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

Stars of the Month

GWF2B Thur 5:30-6:30
GWF4B Sat 9:00-10:00
GWF4B Sat 3:00-4:00
GWF6B Tues 6:30-7:30
GWF6A Sat 2:00-3:00
GWF10B Sat 1:00-2:00
IEKP Tues 9:30-10:20
IEKP Tues 2:00-2:50
IEKKB Sat 12:00-1:00
IEKKA Wed 9:30-10:30
IEK2B Sat 9:00-10:00
IEK2A Sat 10:00-11:00
IEK4B Sat 1:00-2:00
IEK6B Sat 12:00-1:00
IEK6A Sat 12:00-1:00
PTWP1 Thur 9:30-10:30
PTWP1 Sat 12:00-1:00
PTWP2 Sat 11:00-12:00
PTWP3 Sat 10:00-11:00
PTW5 Wed 4:30-5:30
WTE1 Tues 5:30-6:30
WTE1 Wed 4:30-5:30
WTE2B Mon 4:30-5:30
WTE2A Sat 3:00-4:00
WTE4B Fri 4:30-5:30
WTE4B Sat 10:00-11:00
WTE4B Sat 11:00-12:00
WTE4B Sat 4:00-5:00
WTE4A Mon 5:30-6:30
WTE4A Sat 4:00-5:00
WTE6B Sat 11:00-12:00
WTE6B Sat 5:00-6:00

Cheung Tsz Wai, Jessica
So Wai Sum, Gordon
Ng King Fai, Nicholas
So Lok Yin, Kaylie
Cheung Ka Ching, Loraine
Cheng Oi Lam, Julia
Chan Lok Ka, Rosalind
Lam Ching Hin, Nathan
Choi Ho Chung, Ethan
Lau Deborah Cheuk Yin
Wong Man Yin, Macy
Santitane Long Ching, Isaac
Cheung Ngai Wai, Ryan
Lui Sheung Chung, Hugo
Lee Wing Yan, Vicky
Lau Siu Hei, Matthew
Lin Pak Kiu, Patrick
Hau Yuet Tung, Jessica
Wan Sze Wing, Cindy
Lee Fei Er, Josephine
Wong Yuet, Avery
Chau Cheuk Tung Jasmine
Cheng Tsz Kiu, Chloe
Lau Ying San, Chloe
Pang Cheuk Ling, Lilian
Wong Wing Yin, Tracy
Wong Yuet Yung, Beverly
Cheung Damon Kuen Wai
Ho Wing Ka, Elizabeth
Yu Kingsley
Lee Hin Chung, Melvin
Lam Yat Hei, Jacko

Cambridge Starters Exam Preparation

We are going to run the preparation course for the Cambridge Starters Exam from April 22. Subject to the ability of each student, the course is suitable for K2 to P1 students. Please contact the reception staff for details.

Easter Cooking and Reading Classes

We will be running the Easter Cooking Fun and Reading Adventures from 18 to 20 April. Sign up now for your child to have an enjoyable and fruitful Easter Holiday.



Students' Page

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Every Easter, we celebrate the miracle of Jesus coming back to life after death and the start of new lives in spring after the harsh cold winter. Easter is one of the most important festivals of the year. Supermarkets and many different merchants remind you of the festivity with displays of the Easter bunny and chocolate eggs on their shelves. The long-eared, short-tailed creature was never mentioned in the Bible, yet it has become a prominent symbol of Easter. So, where did the Easter bunny come from?

The Easter bunny is an egg-laying rabbit who sneaks into homes the night before Easter to deliver baskets full of colored eggs, toys and chocolate, in much the same way as Santa Claus is said to deliver presents on Christmas Eve. The exact origin of this creature is unclear, but the Easter bunny was reportedly introduced to America by the German immigrants who brought over their stories of an egg-laying hare over 200 years ago. Furthermore, rabbits have long been associated with spring as they symbolize fertility and new life.

If the Easter bunny was real, he would have to have incredibly strong leg muscles because he didn't walk—he hopped everywhere. Maybe that is the reason he decided to carry chocolate eggs with him to nibble on.

~by Ms Michelle

Congratulations to the Writers of the Month:

Kenneth Ho 8A Lydia Chen 4B Elizabeth Ho 4A Arthur Sze 6B Sam Chan 6B Ivan Chau 8B

Worldwide Easter Egg Hunt by Kenneth Ho

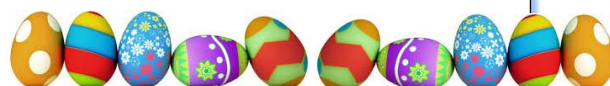
It was a massive challenge for me, Jimmy, Francis, Marcus and all the participants. We were at Time Square in New York at the start of the game. We were challenged to find the Easter Egg worldwide, which meant we needed to find an egg within the Earth we were standing on, and the egg costs millions of USD.

Once the game began, we were not running for transportation like those TV shows. Instead, we were standing still. We had completely no idea where to go. The Easter Egg might be in a forest, on one's roof, or even in a toilet in a restaurant in a country we didn't even know.

Suddenly, I had an idea. I looked at my teammates, and we all knew we thought of the same idea: social media. We asked for help on Facebook, Twitter and a lot of other social media. After a few hours, we received many responses and they all pointed at a location in Time Square, New York.

"What?" cried Marcus. "I thought it would be in the Himalayas!" There wasn't time for talking. We searched every floor and every shop in Times Square, but the Easter Egg was nowhere to be seen. We could see other teams dashing through the front door like cheetahs. I knew we must be quick, but where should we go? There was one place we hadn't searched, the roof. We rushed to the roof. The Easter Egg was lying on the ground. I picked up the egg, noticed a team reaching the roof, and the egg burst open; inside it was a cheque with "10 billion dollars" written on it.

Well, that was easy.



HAPPY EASTER



Can you find these words?

Easter egg hen bunny Sunday chocolate chicks

