

Thrive at E-Smart

January 2019

From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you have been able to share a blissful and happy time with your friends and family over the holidays.

Though a subjective feeling, 'happiness' has been a subject for serious academic research for over a decade, and the research findings about happiness among Hong Kong people are revealing, if not heartbreaking.

According to the UN World Happiness Report in 2018, Hong Kong is ranked 76th among 156 countries in terms of subjective well-being of its people. Interestingly, in terms of GDP per capita, Hong Kong is ranked 19th in the world, at US\$48,829, which is generally superior to those countries enjoying higher ranks in the happiness index.

According to another research done by US-based research organisation Gallup International in 2017, our city is ranked the seventh least happy in the world behind war-torn places such as Iran, Iraq, and Ukraine. Fiji is listed as the happiest nation, followed by Colombia and the Philippines.

Worse, our young people are among the most unhappy. According to the findings of a local research done by Lingnan University in 2016, the Happiness Index for Hong Kong people is 67.6 (out of a scale of 100), but the happiness index of those aged below 30 is only 63.8, the lowest score since 2005.

In fact, it is not difficult to tell why our people are not as happy as those in other 'poorer' nations. The Gini coefficient (which measures income disparity) of Hong Kong has risen from 0.525 in 2001 to 0.539 in 2017, the highest among all developed nations. Six groups have been identified as the city's poorest – residents of subdivided flats, low-income workers, women, children, the elderly and ethnic minorities.

I have followed these figures and observed pleas and protests, which have been largely peaceful, by different people groups over the years, but the situation has continued to worsen rather than improve.

It is indeed difficult to feel happy when we live in a city beset by income inequality and social injustice. While we may not be in a position to effect any major social changes, we can at least show compassion and care to those who are less fortunate than us.

May your peace and joy abound in the new year!

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

新年快樂！我希望你能在節日期間與你的朋友和家人分享幸福快樂的時光。

雖然「幸福感」是一種主觀感受，但它一直是學術研究的主題之一，研究結果亦對我們有很多啟示。根據2018年的聯合國世界幸福報告，在人民的主觀幸福感方面，香港在156個國家中排名第76位。有趣的是，就人均國內生產總值而言，香港在全球排名第19，為48,829美元，總體優於幸福指數排名較高的國家。

根據美國研究機構蓋洛普國際公司2017年進行的另一項研究，香港排在伊朗，伊拉克和烏克蘭等飽受戰爭蹂躪的地區之後，幸福感指數倒數第七。斐濟被列為最幸福的國家，其次是哥倫比亞和菲律賓。

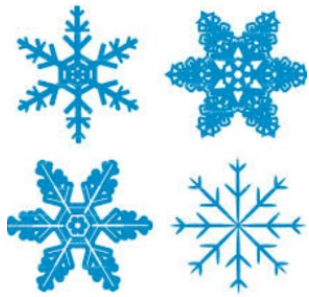
更糟糕的是，我們的年輕人是最低興的人群之一。根據嶺南大學2016年進行的本地研究結果，香港人的幸福指數為67.6，但30歲以下人士的幸福指數僅為63.8，是自2005年以來最低。事實上，我們的人民不像其他「窮國」那樣幸福其實不難理解。香港的基尼係數（衡量收入差距）從2001年的0.525升至2017年的0.539，是所有發達國家中最高的。六個群體被確定為最貧困的群體：劏房居民，低收入工人，婦女，兒童，老人和少數族裔。

生活在一個深受收入不平等和社會不公正困擾的城市，這確實很令人難過。雖然我們可能無法實現重大的社會變革，但至少可以向那些不如我們幸運的人表示同情和關懷。

願你在新的年份裡充滿平安和喜悅！

Stars of the Month

Chan Ching Kiu, Real	IEK4B Fri 6:30-7:30
Chan Lik In	WTE2A Wed 4:30-5:30
Chan Pak Hei, Jaden	IEKKA Wed 3:30-4:30
Chau Ching Tung, Dora	PTWE1 Wed 5:30-6:30
Cheung Damon Kuen Wai	WTE6B Sat 4:00-5:00 (dupe)
Cheung Hoi Kit, Jaden	IEKKB Wed 3:30-4:30
Cheung Ka Man, Carmen	GWF6A Thur 4:30-5:30
Cheung Tsz Wai, Jessica	GWF2A Tues 4:30-5:30
Cheung Yuk Yu, Elvis	PTWE1 Sat 4:00-5:00
Choi Ho Chung, Ethan	IEK2B Sat 12:00-1:00
Chuang Ping Ki, Pinky	WTE2B Sat 11:00-12:00
Fan Sum Yuet, Selena	PTWP2 Wed 5:30-6:30
Fung Tsz Hei, Venus	IEK2B Sat 9:00-10:00
Ho Ching Lam, Cynthia	PTWE2 Sat 12:00-1:00
Hsu Si Lok, Hercules	IEK6A Sat 9:00-10:00
Ip Hei Nga, Iva	GWF9A Sat 2:00-3:00
Ko Tin Chi, Ryan	GWF6B Sat 9:00-10:00
Kwok Cailie	PTWR Mon 3:30-4:30
Kwok Tsz Lok, Jerry	WTE2A Sat 11:00-12:00
Kwok Tsz Yau, Karly	WTE6B Sat 10:00-11:00
Lai Miwa	WTE2B Wed 4:30-5:30
Lam Ching Him, Samuel	WTE6A Sat 12:00-1:00
Lau Chun Hin, Sunny	WTE4A Sat 3:00-4:00
Lau Huen Yu, Summy	WTE4B Sat 11:00-12:00
Lau Lok Hang	WTE6B Fri 4:30-5:30
Li Nicky	GWF9B Tues 6:30-7:30
Li Tsz Ki, Kylie	WTE8B Fri 6:30-7:30
Li Wei Ting, Ryan	IEK4B Sat 9:00-10:00
Liu Man Long, Terry	IEK6B Sat 1:00-2:00
Ng Pui Ching, Jodi	PTWB Wed 4:30-5:30
Or Ho Long, Kayson	PTWE2 Fri 5:30-6:30
Pow Sum Yuet, Hazel	IEKKA Thur 5:30-6:30
Tsoi Ka Ying, Angel	IEK6A Tues 6:30-7:30
Wong Aries Ho Long	PTWP2 Tues 3:30-4:30
Wong Hui Ching, Karina	WTE2A Tues 5:30-6:30
Wong Man Yin, Macy	PTW1 Sat 10:00-11:00
Wong Siu Fung, Jayden	IEKKA Wed 3:30-4:30
Wong Suet Nam, Isis	PTWE3 Sat 11:00-12:00
Wong Tsz Hin, Markel	IEK4A Sat 10:00-11:00
Yeung Angel	PTWP2 Sat 1:00-2:00
Yip Yan Hei, Valerie	IEK10B Sat 12:00-1:00
Zhang King Yan, Lori	GWF6B Sat 3:00-4:00
Chan Ching Kiu, Real	IEK4B Fri 6:30-7:30



STUDENTS' PAGE

JANUARY 2019

Welcome to 2019 and we wish you a happy new year. Hope you all have had a wonderful holiday season filled with joy and laughter. January has come and as the New Year begins, it's time for you to make your resolutions. What are your goals for this year? Whatever you choose for your resolutions, we wish you all the best and with hard work and determination, we know you can do it!!!

~ Ms. Josephine ☺



**Writers of
the Month**



Two poems written by Kerry Tam (WTE4A)

My funny Cat

It is a cat.
It is cute and wears a hat.
But she had a friend called Bat.
Bat had a very smelly mat.
So I don't like that black Bat.
I am very sad because my cat always plays with that.
I hope my pet won't be sad after her friend has left.

I am a famous person

If I were a famous person, I would be a clown.
I want to be a clown when I'm big.
I'll wear long shoes and a funny wig.
I'll have three playing eggs.
I'm very excited when the children eat my cake.
If I'm famous, I would be a helper.
I would help the players, singers and the poor.

Winter Fun Word Search

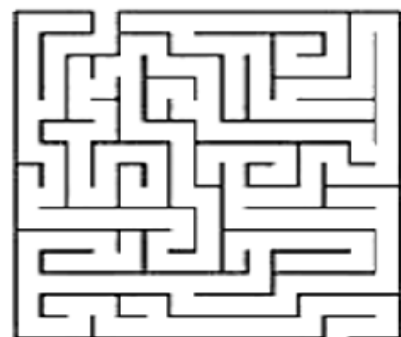
Find all the words related to winter.

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U	G	T	I	Q	A	J	L	J	X	U	H	D	J	O	BOOTS
C	N	Y	B	P	R	E	M	A	A	C	O	R	A	G	COAT
T	J	G	N	S	F	F	C	J	G	E	T	W	N	B	JANUARY
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R	E	K	Q	S	S	O	U	M	I	X	H	R	A	X	FROST
W	T	F	H	O	O	Y	W	D	W	D	O	C	R	K	WINTER
F	E	U	R	L	W	L	N	M	Z	K	C	V	Y	U	SNOWMAN
C	Q	F	G	A	L	I	L	R	A	X	O	E	L	G	FREEZE
V	V	I	Y	X	O	O	N	Q	L	N	L	B	S	L	HOT CHOCOLATE
F	D	Z	S	K	A	T	E	T	U	H	A	J	F	O	SCARF
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Winter Fun Maze



Can you help the girl find her way to her toy snowman?



Congratulations to the other writers of the month:
Kirsty Pang (WTE2A) Kingston Chan (WTE2A) Kathy Kong (WTE8B)