

# Thrive at E-Smart

March 2019

## From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear parents,

I love pets, especially dogs, who are mostly loving and loyal. On the other hand, I am not particularly fond of cats as they are generally individualistic, and some of them would cause damage by scratching things with their sharp claws. In any case, I would not consider having a pet at home at the moment as it calls for as much time and commitment as in raising a kid. Some people may buy a pet home on impulse only to regret later. Maybe that is one of the reasons why we have some stray dogs and cats in the area I live.

A stray cat had been particularly annoying as it loved resting on the bonnet of my car, sometimes leaving fur and marks on the car when jumping up and down. In winter, the cat loved the warmth of the bonnet of my car that had just been run, and in summer it would sleep on the roof to escape from the heat outside.

When we did see each other in the carpark, the cat's friendly purr would meet with my enagement as I had to clean the marks from time to time, and I worried that it would leave irreversible scratches on my car. I wrote to the management office and contacted the Agricultural and Fisheries Department which attempted to catch the cat but gave up in the end after they found the cage with bait broken by other cat lovers not just once.

In the end, I had to come to terms with the stray cat wandering in the carpark and relaxing on my car from time to time. But it seemed to have noticed my dismay and has stopped resting on my car. From time to time, I see some neighbours feeding the cat, talking with it lovingly while the cat reciprocates with its welcoming and affectionate meow. Apparently, the cat has been able to build some relationships, and I have started to understand why some residents would dare breaking the law by damaging government property.

This insight aside, I have also discovered that my fear of the cat leaving scrapes on my car had been unnecessary. A friend who has three cats at home has advised me that the cat won't leave scratch marks on my car unless it is in anger or fear when it sticks its claws out to defend itself.

We often feel threatened when our property or rights are being infringed. I had been focusing my attention on my new car rather than the plight of the stray cat who got abandoned by its owner. Had the Agricultural and Fisheries Department successfully caught the cat, it would probably have been put to sleep. Thanks to other cat lovers, a life has been saved.

In the same token, we may hold some biased views towards some people groups such as new immigrants from China, asylum seekers from South Asia and Africa or people who have a different sexual orientation. Maybe we should ask ourselves if our prejudice is truly justified. Take time to understand their situation and you may be able to discover their beauty and have compassion on them.

Enjoy the wonderful spring time with your family!

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

我愛寵物，尤其是狗，因為牠們大多可愛又忠誠。但我並不是很愛貓，因為牠們往往個性獨立，其中一些會用利爪撓壞東西。不過無論如何，我是不會考慮養寵物的，因為照顧牠們所花費的時間和精力幾乎相當於撫養孩童。有些人會一時衝動買下寵物，回到家才開始後悔。這也許就是我們街區一些流浪貓狗的來歷。

有隻街貓尤其惱人，牠喜歡在我的汽車引擎蓋上休息，來回跳躍，有時在車上留下毛髮和痕跡。冬天，牠喜歡睡在我車子溫熱的引擎蓋上；到了夏天，牠則留在車頂處納涼。

每當我們在停車場撞見，牠總以友好的呼嚕聲回應我這憤怒地擦著車上印記、擔心留下刮痕的人類。我試過寫信給物業及漁護署，但他們在愛貓人士的多次阻撓下紛紛放棄了對牠的追捕。

最後，我不得不接受牠在停車場來去自如、在我車上休憩的事實。而牠似乎注意到我的沮喪，不再停留在我的車上。有時我看到一些鄰居餵貓，充滿愛意地與牠們對話，而貓也回以親密友好的『喵~』。看來，貓也是能夠與人建立某種關係的。我漸漸理解，為甚麼有人會為了解救流浪貓甚至不惜破壞公共財產。一位養了三隻貓的朋友告訴我，貓是不會輕易留下爪痕的。只有當牠生氣或受到威脅時，才會伸出爪子來保護自己。

當我們的財產或權益受到侵犯時，我們總會產生危機感。此前我只關注我的新車，卻未想過這隻流浪貓遭人遺棄的困境。同樣地，我們可能對特定人群抱有偏見，例如來自中國大陸的新移民、東南亞和非洲的避難者以及性小眾群體。也許我們該自省，這些偏見是否正當合理？如果能花些時間去了解他們的處境，也許您會有所改觀。願您與家人一起享受美好的春天！

## Stars of the Month

|                          |                                  |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Chan Kwan Ming, Eden     | IEKKB Thur 9:30-10:30            |
| Chan Lok Ka, Rosalind    | IEKKA Wed 3:30-4:30              |
| Chan Tsz Yin, Cyrus      | GWF9B Tues 6:30-7:30             |
| Chau Hong Yin, Taylor    | PTWE3 Sat 11:00-12:00            |
| Chau Pak Kwan, Paak      | WTE1 Sat 2:00-3:00               |
| Cheung Ka Ching, Loraine | GWF9A Sat 2:00-3:00              |
| Cheung Tsz Lok, Kayden   | IEK2A Sat 11:00-12:00            |
| Chow Wan Ki, Katelyn     | IEK2A Thur 4:30-5:30             |
| Chu Tak Ching, Janet     | PTWE2 Fri 5:30-6:30              |
| Fok Wing Hei, Haymond    | PTWE2 Sat 12:00-1:00             |
| Ho Kelly                 | WTE2A Wed 4:30-5:30              |
| Kei Chin Yin, Miu Miu    | WTE6B Fri 4:30-5:30              |
| Kwan Chuk Ting, Ariel    | IEK8B Thur 6:30-7:30             |
| Lam Zoe                  | WTE6A Thur 5:30-6:30             |
| Leung Lok Hei, Ryan      | IEK6B Sat 1:00-2:00              |
| Leung Sen Huen, Summer   | IEK4B Fri 6:30-7:30              |
| Li Jamie                 | WTE6B Sat 10:00-11:00            |
| Liu Justin               | WTE2A Sat 11:00-12:00            |
| Lo Wan Ting, Ernest      | IEKKA Thur 5:30-6:30             |
| Ma Wai Kei, Vicky        | WTE4A Sat 3:00-4:00              |
| Mo Yin Kiu, Chloe        | WTE4B Fri 5:30-6:30              |
| Mok Ho Wan, Owen         | WTE2A Tues 5:30-6:30             |
| Ng Kwing Leuk, Arthur    | GWF6A Wed 6:30-7:30              |
| Tsang Cheong Fun, Tony   | GWF6B Sat 3:00-4:00              |
| Wong Ching Ting, Esther  | IEK4A Sat 10:00-11:00            |
| Wong King Fung, Jayden   | PTWP2 Sat 1:00-2:00              |
| Wong Suet Nam, Isis      | WTE2B Wed 4:30-5:30              |
| Yeung Cho Hung, Melody   | WTE6A Sat 12:00-1:00             |
| Yeung Pak Dick           | GWF4A Thur 4:30-5:30             |
| Yeung Yee Lam, Elim      | IEKKB Tues 3:30 / PTWR Sat 10:00 |
| Yu Ching Sem, Angela     | WTE2B Sat 11:00-12:00            |
| Yu Yin Hei, Heiley       | PTWP3 Wed 5:30-6:30              |
| Yung Hong Luy, Phoebe    | IEK4B Sat 9:00-10:00             |

# Students' Page

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Spring is here! There is still a bit of chill in the morning and at night but the afternoon is warm and comfortable. That means it is a great time for us to head outside and play outdoors before the weather gets too hot in summer. Spring is also the perfect time for plants to grow. If you have not got a plant at home, why not grow something green this spring? You will be amazed by how fast a plant can grow in just a few weeks.



~ Ms. Michelle

## Other Writers of the Month:

Bernice Li 4B

Taylor Chau 4B

Wong Yu Cheuk 6B

Samuel Lam 6A



## My Pet Shop (by Cherry Chan)



If I had a pet shop, it would be a shop that sells dogs and cats. It would be located in Ho Man Tin.



When people come into the shop, I would tell them to take care of the pets if they want to buy them. For example, give them pet food to eat and water to drink or they would get sick or even die.

Before customers buy my pets, I would give them some advice if they haven't kept pets before. I would tell them to play with the pets because if they don't, the pets would feel bored and think they are bad owners, and they would not love them.

For the customers who don't like animals or pets, I won't let them buy my pets because maybe they would hurt them.

## Spring Word Search

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Spring butterfly bees  
March growing bird  
April Easter rain  
May flower tree



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