

Thrive at E-Smart

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From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear parents,

Did you know we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of E-Smart Learning Centre this month? Time does fly, but I still remember vividly how I left my glamorous waterfront office in Admiralty with trepidation to venture into this unfamiliar part of the city, dreaming to inspire our young people by equipping them with two important tools – the proficiency in an international language and an inquisitive and independent mind. My primary goal wasn't to help them succeed in exams but to make them avid readers and critical thinkers who have the ability to read widely and understand the world around them. It is my hope that by embracing the global values of equality, liberty, freedom and compassion, our students would blossom into servant leaders who uphold justice and extend kindness to all people, thereby making our world a better place.

With the above objective in mind, I have always tried to hire like-minded teachers and administrative staff who share these core values, and treat them with respect as individuals who I count on to make a positive impact on our students. I am proud to say, compared to other institutions, we have had a relatively low staff turnover over the last 20 years. Quite a number of our staff have worked with us for 10 years or more, and met their friends for life while working here. Such positive energy is crucial for creating an encouraging classroom environment where students are emboldened to inquire and explore, even by making mistakes.

Therefore, rote learning is non-existent in our curriculum as we believe students learn best through an active engagement with the teacher and other students during which they come to grips with the English language by actively comprehending a text they hear or read, decoding the purpose and views of the speaker or writer before articulating their own opinions. We applaud their efforts in speaking their minds and writing out their genuine feelings and thoughts, rather than regurgitating accurately the views of the teacher and the writer. As a result, learning at E-Smart must be a happy one, not because we are playful but students are allowed to be who they really are. This is a place where they should find acceptance, understanding, encouragement and love strongly underpinned by our Christian faith.

After twenty years, many of our students have grown into happy and successful adults. They have probably forgotten the contents of the classes they attended, but I am confident that many of them would remember E-Smart Learning Centre as a loving and caring institution that has inspired them to be an active learner, a critical thinker and a generous giver.

Thank you for entrusting your child with us and we look

forward to their continued thriving at E-Smart. May God bless you and your family!

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

你知道嗎？這個月我們即將慶祝E-Smart成立二十週年。時光飛逝，我仍清楚記得自己當初帶着怎樣的憧憬離開金鐘迷人的海濱辦公室，來到這個城市的陌生區域惶惶不安地開始冒險。

我希望年輕人可以學識一門國際語言、從小培養好奇心與獨立思考能力。我最主要的目標，並非使他們在考試中拿得高分，而是使他們成為熱愛讀書、理性思考的人，得以廣泛地閱讀並且理解周遭發生的事情。我希望，通過擁抱平等、自由、自主和同理心這些普世價值，我們的學生將成為捍衛正義、伸張良善的公職領袖，從而使我們的世界變得更好。

基於以上目標，我堅持僱用具備這些相似信念的教師及職員，尊重他們並希望他們能為學生帶來積極的影響。可以很自豪地說，過去二十年來，我們的員工流動率始終維持在業界較低的水平。我們的很多員工在這工作了十多年，並於工作時結識了他們的摯友。這種積極能量營造著理想的課堂環境，即使犯錯，學生也會有勇氣去探究和探索。

因此，我們的課堂不會有死記硬背，因為理想的課堂應該讓學生積極主動地參與其中。只有學生主動理解他們讀到或聽到的內容、思考其中的目的或觀點，然後闡述自己的看法，才能真正收穫知識。我們欣賞學生敢於表達自己真實的感受與想法，而不只是複述他人的觀點。正是如此，在E-Smart學習的樂趣不僅在於好玩，而且可以成為真實的自己。學生在這裡感受到自己被接納、理解、鼓勵和愛，一如我們虔誠的基督教信仰。

二十年來，我們有無數學生長大成人，收穫幸福與成功。他們也許已經不記得課堂上的內容，但我相信他們會記得E-Smart是怎樣充滿愛心與關懷，激勵他們成為一個主動學習、理性思考和慷慨付出的人。謝謝你將孩子交付給我們，希望他們在這裡茁壯成長。願主保佑你和你的家人！

Stars of the Month

Chan Kwan Ming, Eden	PTWP1 Sat 10:00-11:00
Chan Tsz Long, Casper	GWF2B Sat 3:00-4:00
Chau Cheuk Fung, Hagen	WTE2B Wed 4:30-5:30
Cheung Man Chun, Isaac	WTE2A Sat 11:00-12:00
Cheung Yui Ching, Clement	IEK2B Thur 4:30-5:30
Chui Hei Shuen, Kacie	WTE2A Tues 5:30-6:30
Fung Tsz Ching, Christy	IEK6A Sat 9:00-10:00
Hui Cheuk Lam, Elva	WTE2B Sat 11:00-12:00
Lam Kin Sing, Carson	IEK6B Sat 1:00-2:00
Lo Long Hei, Hayton	WTE6B Sat 10:00-11:00
Mo Ching Man, Alice	IEKKA Thur 9:30-10:30
Mok Tsz Long, Arthur	GWF9A Sat 2:00-3:00
Moy Kadence	WTE4B Fri 5:30-6:30
Ng Ben	WTE4A Tues 4:30-5:30
Wong Tsz Hin, Markel	IEK4A Sat 10:00-11:00
Yan Hong Kay	PTWE3 Sat 4:00-5:00
Yeung Angel	PTWP3 Sat 1:00-2:00
Yip Tsz Yin, Charlotte	IEKP Wed 5:30-6:30



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Students' Page



Matilda, the BFG, Fantastic Mr. Fox and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Do you know these titles? These are the titles of books written by Roald Dahl.

Roald Dahl Day is celebrated in September every year. If he were alive today, he would be 102 years old. This gifted writer was born on the 13th of September in 1916 in the capital of Wales. During his eventful life, he had been an intelligent officer for the British government, a jet fighter pilot, a chocolate historian and, of course, a writer of many fantastic children's books. Many of his stories were inspired by the events that happened during his childhood. For instance, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* was inspired by the time when pupils at the boarding school he attended were invited to try varieties of chocolate bars.

Can you name all the characters on this page? Share with the class who you can recognize.



~Ms. Michelle



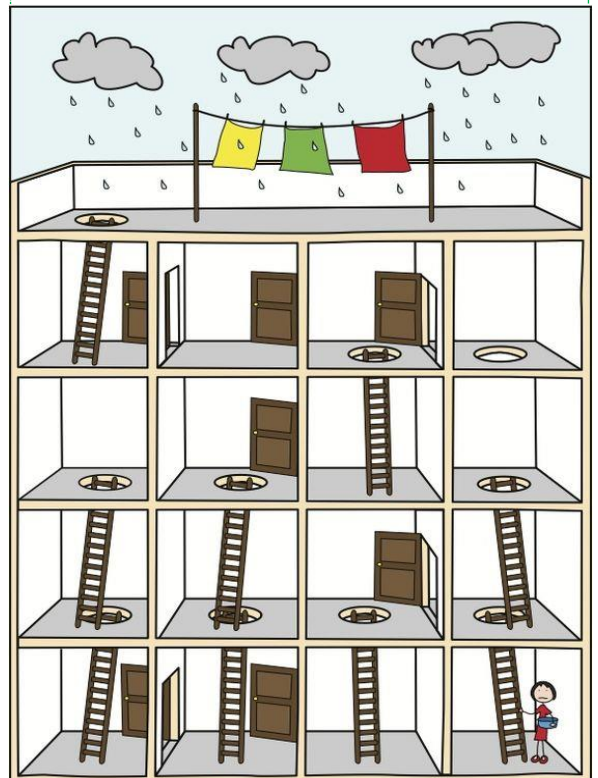
SLEEPWALKER



One night, Tom wants to eat candy but his father doesn't want him to eat. Suddenly, Tom has a good idea. He uses the paper and a string; he writes 'Sleepwalker. Don't Disturb'. Then, he puts it on his neck and opens the door. Next, he goes to the candy drawer and takes his favourite kind of candy. After that, he goes back to his room. At last, he eats the candy. It is very yummy.

by Gianna Liu (2A)

It is raining! Help Mum find her way to collect the laundry before they get too wet.



OTHER WRITERS OF THE MONTH:

Anya Chan WTE 4A

Ada Yu WTE 6A

Jolie Ng WTE2B

Shannon Yee WTE 4A

Josephine Wong WTE 8A

Dora Chau PTWE3