

Thrive at E-Smart

October 2019

From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear parents,

Though it is still far away, I have been imagining what I am going to do on my 60th and even 70th birthday. I wonder who will be there to shower their blessings on me and what will prompt them to come and share my joy. Are they there simply because of my material achievements or are they real friends who appreciate and share my values and passions in life?

The People's Republic of China (PRC) celebrates its seventieth anniversary this month, and it is more than ready to impress its citizens and the international community with a long list of achievements. Here are some of them according to the Chinese authorities:

- It is now the world's second largest economy
- It accounts for 16 percent of the world's GDP
- It is the biggest holder of foreign exchange
- It is the largest trader in goods and second largest in services
- Its high-speed rail accounts for two-thirds of the world's total
- Its illiteracy rate is below 5 percent
- It ranks second in the world in R & D expenditure
- It ranks second in the world for citation of research papers
- Its installed renewable energy capacity accounts for 28 percent of the world's total
- 1.2 million electric cars were sold last year, which is half of the world's total

It is extraordinary, isn't it? No wonder Chinese nationals are inclined to show off their wealth wherever they go. Their mentality is like that of a self-made multi-billionaire who always enjoys telling his rags-to-riches story and feels that people now treat him with respect and admiration all because of his immense fortune.

Surprisingly and probably to the disappointment of a lot of mainland Chinese nationals, less than half of the international community feel positive towards this emergent superpower. According to the latest research by Pew Research Center published on the eve of the 70th anniversary of the PRC, "while majorities in most countries agree China's influence on the world stage has grown markedly," opinion of China across most of Western Europe is negative. Central and Eastern Europeans, which are generally less developed than their western neighbors, have more favorable views of China. Views of China are predominantly negative among Americans and Canadians, where 60% and 67% respectively see the burgeoning giant unfavorably. China's Asian Pacific neighbors also view China negatively.

85% of the Japanese surveyed see China as undesirable while more than half in South Korea (63%), Australia (57%) and the Philippines (54%) share the sentiment.

Though the research doesn't explain why these people feel antagonistic towards China, it is obvious that economic success doesn't help China to gain approval or win real friends. Most of these critical people live in countries where democracy prevails, which may cause them to be skeptical of China's one-party rule and appalling human rights record.

President Xi has vowed to make China an insurmountable leader, but a great leader leads by inspiration rather than intimidation. China's neighbors may feel overwhelmed by her economic and military might, but to be a truly great country, China must seek integration with the international community by sharing and developing such values as liberty, equality, and democracy among her political leaders and citizens, which I hope won't take too long.

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

Stars of the Month

Cheng Ka Man, Noelle	WTE10B Fri 6:30-7:30
Cheung Lok Sum, Andrea	WTE6A Tues 4:30-5:30
Fok Wing Hei, Haymond	PTWE3 Sat 12:00-1:00
Kung Hoi Ching, Kathy	GWF10B Sat 2:00-3:00
Lam Ching Yee, Karly	IEKKB Sat 12:00-1:00
Lau Lok Hang	WTE6A Sat 10:00
Law Hanson	IEK8B Sat 9:00-10:00
Law Yat Chun, Adrian	IEKKB Wed 5:30-6:30
Leung Wing Tung, Nicole	IEK6B Sat 10:00-11:00
Leung Yat Him, Lucas	WTE2B Sat 2:00-3:00
Lin Choi Tung, Joyce	IEK6A Sat 1:00-2:00
Liu Ailey Wai-Si	WTE2A Sat 11:00-12:00
Ma Kit Hang, Kathy	WTE4A Fri 5:30-6:30
Mak Sze Lok, Joselyn	WTE2B Sat 2:00-3:00
Mok Ho Wan, Owen	WTE4B Tues 5:30-6:30
Pow Sum Yuet, Hazel	IEK2B Sat 9:00-10:00
Sifa Mone Alam	WTE2A Wed 4:30-5:30
Tang Man Hei, Helen	WTE2A Wed 4:30-5:30
Wong King Fung, Jayden	PTWP3 Sat 1:00-2:00
Wong Tin Tsum, Bruce	PTWE3 Fri 5:30-6:30
Wong Yuen Ki Cherry	WTE4B Sat 11:00-12:00
Yeung Yee Lam, Elim	PTWP2 Sat 10:00-11:00
Yu Wing Ki, Gigi	WTE2A Fri 4:30-5:30

Parents' Meeting on Saturday 9 November

Don't miss the opportunity to meet with the headmaster and teachers on 9 November at 5pm to understand how you can help your child learn English better. Sign up now at the reception.



October Newsletter


Students' Page

Summer has ended and we now say 'hello' to autumn. This is the season where leaves on trees change colour and fall. Did you know that leaves only change colour on some trees? They do not change colour on evergreen trees. Leaves change colour and drop from the trees because they don't have enough food and water. I think that autumn is a beautiful season because I love to see the leaves change into different vibrant colours of red and golden yellow before they fall. It's also a great time to go outside to take photos and enjoy the nature and the weather is not too hot or too cold.

For those who love Science, October 14-20 is Earth Science Week where we can take part in events and activities to explore Earth. What is your favourite season? What do you like about October?

~ Ms Josephine ☺

Ice cream

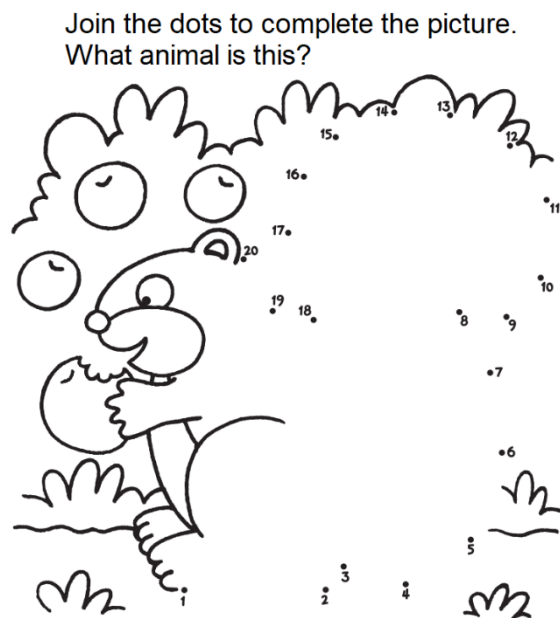


One day, I went to an ice-cream shop. I ran to a table and looked at the menu. When I looked up, a shopkeeper said, "Good afternoon, how may I help you?" I said, "Can I have a strawberry ice-cream with green tea nuts, please?" She says, "Of course!"

After she had finished making the ice-cream, she came out of the shop and brought it to the tent. I took one bite and I screamed "Wow! it is very tasty!" I ordered some more. I ate so much that I could hardly move!

My mouth still waters when I think about those ice-creams that I had that day.


by Kacie Chui (WTE2A)



Autumn Sudoku

This puzzle contains the letters of the word LEAF rather than numbers.

Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters LEAF.



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Congratulations to the other writers of the month:

Thomas Poon (WTE8A)	Deadline Fighters
Kyle Lee (WTE4B)	My life as a dinosaur
Gianna Lui (WTE4B)	My happy summer holiday
Haden Lam (WTE4B)	Meeting Jason Mraz