

E-Smart is 22 years old on 2 October 2021!

### From the Headmaster's Desk

*The older I get, the more I love and treasure my plants. They are always quietly present, gracious and giving, granting me a haven and solace to indulge in whenever I need it. And it is their steadfastness and resilience that I most want to emulate.*

— Clive Chan

Dear parents,

Though no expert at gardening, I love plants and have always been proud of the luxuriant floras on the humble balcony of my home. They shield the northwest facing living room from the blazing heat of the sun in the afternoon, create a haven where birds love to drop by or even nest, but most importantly, they have given me some invaluable insights over the years.

Undeniably, the growth of these plants has been spectacular. In 7 years, the weeping fig has grown from 3 to more than 10 feet, mandating me to trim it so that it won't intrude into the territory of my neighbour. The growth of its close relative Benjamina Ficus Barok has been even more impressive, from barely over 6 inches to about the same height of its counterpart. Occupying each end of the balcony, they catch the attention of passers-by walking on the streets below and entice birds to come for respite. Despite their palpable stature, they are easy to please. I can water them every day at ease without the fear of making their soil too soggy. The weeping fig, in particular, is the most gracious, concealing the nest of the baby Chinese Bubuls with its lavish leaves until they are ready to fly away with their parents. Not only have these two fast-growing plants fared extremely well in three previous migrations to bigger pots, but they have also yielded easily to my pruning and started growing sideways rather than climbing beyond the roof.

In contrast, the elegant four-foot dracaena marginata is not as tough as the other residents on the balcony. I had almost drowned it to death when it first came in a tiny pot 7 years ago, watering it too much that some of its buds withered and have never grown back. It survived, anyhow, and I have soon learned to observe and touch its soil before adding any more water. Though finding it painstaking, I soon got the hang of it, enabling this graceful plant to thrive.

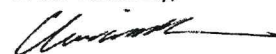
Occupying a prominent position on the coffee table of the living room for the past 6 years, the two-foot little tree plant (Biophytum sensitivum) has outgrown its typical life span of 2 years predicted by the floral shop owner because in no way can its frail stem support the increasingly extravagant leaves. With the help of first a toothpick and then a thin wooden stick, however, the plant has managed to stand erect when the sun brings light to the living room every day.

With its exquisite flowers and soothing fragrance, the ball orchid hanging from the roof of the balcony has remained my favourite all these years. Unfortunately, about 14 months ago, its pot accidentally fell to the ground, breaking its roots.

For more than 6 months, it showed no signs of recovery as new leaves sprouted then withered, and the cycle repeated. To my relief, it started to produce flourishing leaves early this year and bloomed again last month. With patience, I have been able to witness the resilience and vitality of this magnificent plant.

If my plants have taught me anything, it would be that we need to recognize individual needs and potentials. Conceivably, human beings are far more complicated than plants. Therefore, as parents, we must take time to understand our children and provide the optimal environment where they can learn and blossom.

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

### Stars of the Month

Chan Wai Lun, Issac  
Chan Wing Yin, Vienn  
Chan Yan Tung, Elizabeth  
Chan Yuen Tung, Cherry  
Chau Ching Tung, Dora  
Cheung Tsz Yuet, Moon  
Cheung Yui Ching, Clement  
Chung Cheuk Yat, Travis  
Hui Cheuk Lam, Elva  
Hui Yik Sum, Stacy  
Kong Po Ching, Anthony  
Kwok Sze Nam, Angus  
Lam Hiu Yin, Evana  
Lam Hui Ting, Jayden  
Lam Kin Sing, Carson  
Lau Ying Kit, Kit  
Lee Chun Hei, Angus  
Lee Lok Yee, Venus  
Li Pui Lam, Angie  
Li Tsz Hin  
Liu Ailey Wai-Si  
Liu Justin  
Liu Sung Him, Brian  
Liu Tsz Hin, Kobby  
Lo Lok Fung, Gordon  
Lo Wan Ting, Ernest  
Ma Pok Ho, Alvin  
Ng Tsz Ham, Angela  
Pang Cheuk Ki, Kirstie  
Tam Sum, Caspar  
Tse Chun Yin, Jasmine  
Tse Wing Tung, Natural  
Wong Man Po, Ambrose  
Wong Sin Yu, Scarlett  
Wong Tsz Hin, Markel  
Wong Wan Yin, Vannie  
Yee Hin Ching, Jasmine  
Yeung Cheuk Nam, Namson  
Yeung Yui Yin, Hansel  
Yim Cho Yat, Gilbert

PTWE3 Sat 4:00-5:00  
PTWB Sat 10:00-11:00  
WTE6A Sat 11:00-12:00  
WTE8A Sat 10:00-11:00  
PTW4 Sat 9:00-10:00  
IEK10B Sat 9:00-10:00  
IEK4A Sat 12:00-1:00  
IEKKA Tues 4:30-5:30  
WTE4A Thur 6:30-7:30  
WTE4B Sat 2:00-3:00  
WTE10B Sat 12:00-1:00  
IEK6A Sat 9:00-10:00  
WTE2A Sat 3:00-4:00  
PTWP2 Mon 3:30-4:30  
GWF9B Fri 3:30-4:30  
PTWE3 Sat 10:00-11:00  
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WTE2B Tues 3:30-4:30  
WTE1 Fri 5:30-6:30  
PTWE1 Fri 4:30 / IEK4B Sat 9:00  
IEK4B Thur 5:30-6:30

### We are moving!

Our reception will be moved to Shop 165A on Level 5 of Sceneway Plaza before the end of the month. You will be informed of new class arrangements. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.



# Students Page

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Welcome to October and the autumn season. In this season, the weather is cooler and we can see the changing colours of the leaves to bright red, orange and yellow. I like that the strong heat and humidity has lowered. This is a good time for people who like to go outside and enjoy the sun.

Below are some activities we can do in our free time during this season:

- Go for a walk in a country park
- Watch the autumn sunset
- Go on a picnic
- Fly a kite

~Ms. Josephine ☺



## **BEST WRITER OF THE MONTH**

**Hayden Ng (WTE2A)**

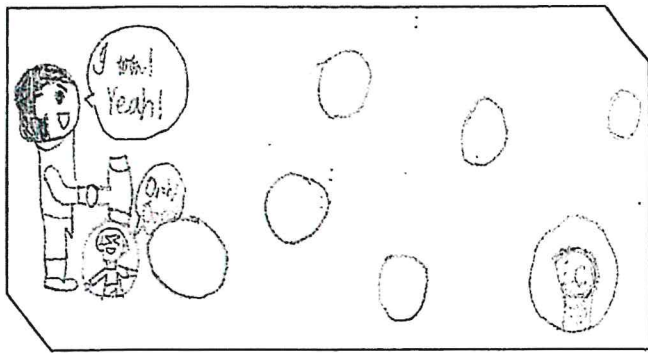
### **My New Game**

I have created a new game. It is called 'Catch me'.

To play this game, we need a hammer that is made of paper and some holes. We need at least two people.

We can play this game outdoors.

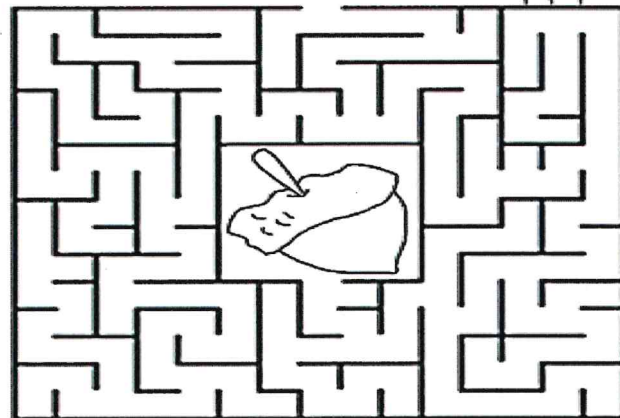
We need to play paper-scissors-stone first and the winner needs to get a hammer and hit the person or in the holes. The winner of this game will exchange positions and stay in the holes and play again.



### **Congratulations to the Other Writers of the month:**

Terrance Chan (WTE6B) – Left Alone in a Toy Store  
Huey Cheung (WTE4B) – Vegetable Chips  
Vicky Yiu (WTE4A) – Gum Leaflet

### **Autumn Maze**



### **Fall (Autumn) Word Search**

Acorn  
Apple  
Autumn  
Caramel Apple  
Carnival  
Corn  
Fall  
Festival  
Gourd  
Harvest  
Hay Ride  
Leaves  
October  
Pumpkin  
Scarecrow  
Squash  
Straw

