

From the Headmaster's Desk

"We pay a high price for intelligence. Wisdom hurts."
— Euripides

Dear parents,

We are celebrating Chinese New Year this month. Unfortunately, we have found ourselves ensnared by the fifth wave of Covid-19 epidemic caused by the Omicron variant since early January. Along with the suspension of in-person classes at schools and dinners at restaurants and closures of venues like gyms, sports centres and beauty parlours, some of us have been quarantined in less than desirable conditions, many summoned to do mandatory testing while enduring the long wait in the cold and all urged by the authorities to adhere to the strictest social distancing measures by staying inside our minuscule flats during this supposedly festive time of the year.

Imaginably, such stringent directives have imposed a depressive mood among most people, particularly at a time when we yearn to be with family and friends. Many would be lost in the social media or online games in which they can enjoy virtual interaction with people while few would engage in solitary activities like playing an instrument or reading. For most of us, we would love to see our child reading books rather than playing online games because reading should make them wiser whereas gaming is a waste of time in most cases.


However, as Euripides remarks, wisdom hurts, a view resonated in a book called 'Land of Big Numbers' I read over Chinese New Year. A collection of short stories about present-day China, the book describes the varied social problems through the eyes of people from all walks of life. Among the ten stories, the story entitled 'Lulu' is the most impressive to me. It tells the life story of Lulu, an intelligent and indomitable young woman through the narration of her twin brother.

While her twin brother was a mediocre and slack student skipping most classes in college to play online games and ending up working as a chef in a restaurant after graduation, Lulu had always been a whizzkid who made the top score in the university entrance exam to earn her a place in one of the best universities in the capital city. A jewel in her parents' eyes, Lulu had always been the pride of the family. As fate would have it, however, Lulu got in touch with some deplorable news about her country through the VPN that allowed her to access international news websites. She started

posting stories on her blog that drew hundreds of thousands of followers and predictably the attention of the authorities. Considered a threat to national security, Lulu was charged with sedition and thrown into jail for four years. Seemingly undeterred after her release, she moved back to her hometown with her boyfriend and worked as a salesperson while resuming her blog that exposed the dark side of the country, and before long she was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. The story ended with her boyfriend sending a letter to her twin brother apologising that he had to move on with life and marry another girl in his hometown.

The tragic story reminds me of a few brilliant young women locked behind bars in our city. They could have led totally different and comfortable lives had they chosen to keep quiet like the twin brother in the story who ended up winning the national tournament in online games that earned him fame and a dream trip to Australia for the global finals. Would I be more proud of Lulu or her twin brother if I were their father? I wonder.

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

Stars of the Month

Chau Kai Sun, Michael
Cheng Nok Yin
Choi Cheuk Fan, Jerry
Do Pak Him, Thomas
Elizabeth Phan
Hui Yik Sum, Stacy
Ko Tin Chi, Ryan
Lam Hiu Yin, Evana
Lau Justin
Lee Yan Pok, Bryan
Leung Sin Yiu, Eunice
Li Hoi Pang, Ocean
Lui Hong Yu, Alexandra
Man Kin Ching, Lester
Ng Cheuk Lam, Jolie
Tse Wing Tung, Natural
Wong Chun Yin, Adrian
Wong Tsz Hin, Markel
Wong Tsz Yan, Yannies
Xu Ethan
Xu Ethan
Yeung Cheuk Nam, Namson
Yip Long Chi, Aidan

PTWP1 Thur 3:30-4:30
IEK4B Sat 9:00-10:00
WTE6A Fri 5:30-6:30
GWF4A Sat 3:00-4:00
WTE4A Fri 4:30-5:30
WTE4B Sat 2:00-3:00
IEK10B Sat 9:00-10:00
WTE2A Sat 3:00-4:00
WTE6B Sat 11:00-12:00
WTE4B Fri 6:30-7:30
IEK6B Sat 11:00-12:00
WTE1 Sat 12:00-1:00
IEKKA Mon 9:30-10:30
PTWE2 Fri 4:30-5:30
GWF6B Sat 10:00-11:00
GWF2A Sat 2:00-3:00
WTE8A Sat 10:00-11:00
IEK8B Sat 10:00-11:00
PTW2 Sat 10:00-11:00
PTWP3 Mon 3:30-4:30
WTE2B Sat 3:00-4:00
PTWE2 Mon 5:30-6:30
WTE4B Sat 11:00-12:00



Wish you all a joyous Chinese New Year!! February is a special time of the year which reminds us of love and bonding with all of our close relatives. We can have a wonderful meal together while we give each other blessings for the New Year. What do you like the most about Chinese New Year? Many people particularly enjoy the delicious food like turnip cakes, wearing new clothes and getting red packets or "Lai See". This is also the year of the Tiger. People who are born in this zodiac year are described as brave, confident and competitive. Whether you are born in the year of the tiger or not, I hope you will all face this New Year in a brave, confident and competitive manner.

~Ms Josephine

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WRITERS OF THE MONTH:

Joint best writers – Kirsty Pang (WTE6B) and Amelia Lok (WTE4A).

Other writers: Jayden So (WTE4B) – My Grandmother; Elizabeth Chan (WTE6A) – Fluffy Dream Ice Cream

A makeup app By Kirstie Pang (WTE6B)



Most girls will put on makeup before they go out. But some of them may not know how to do makeup or which makeup app is suitable for them. Because of this, I've made a Makeup app.

So, how do we use this app? First, you have to take a photo of yourself. Second, input what makeup style you want. Third, the app will show you some steps and you can follow it to put on your makeup! Also, you can input your hairstyle and clothing to match up the style you want.

This makeup app is better than the makeup teaching videos. It's because those videos can't create a suitable makeup style for you because we all look different in different styles.

Do you want to try this app quickly? Go to the app store and download it. After that, you can enjoy using it.

Beauty and Love By Amelia Lok (WTE4A)



I love this city.
Because of its beauty.
Green plants line up tidily.
As if they are having a party.

Daisies, pansies and bauhinias.
They are standing everywhere.
Are they tired?
They don't care!

Taxis, trains and buses.
You can find them everywhere.
They make our lives easier. Take us from one place to another.

If you feel bored,
The Central Library is just right there.
Read books to cheer you up.
Read books to learn how to cook.

This city is the best.
But I think it should take a rest.
Slow down, calm down and sit down.
Enjoy the view of its path.

Can you find the 12 zodiac animals in this wordsearch?



CHINESE NEW YEAR MAZE

HELP THE KIDS JOIN THE LION DANCE

