

From the Headmaster's Desk

The mediocre teacher tells.
The good teacher explains.
The superior teacher demonstrates.
The great teacher inspires.

- William Arthur Ward

Dear parents,

We are celebrating Mid-autumn Festival later this month, which has become my favourite festival partly because E-Smart was officially opened with a thanksgiving service on the day following Mid-autumn Festival 23 years before. Yes, it was September 26, 1999, a fairly long time ago.

However, my teaching career started much earlier when I was merely 18. After finishing my A-Level exams, I was looking for a part-time job to help fund my university education. I went for an interview for teaching secondary one English in an evening school near my home, but after scrutinizing my academic credentials, the principal asked me to be the class teacher of a secondary four class, teaching certificate English over two evenings. Upon entering the classroom, I was directed to a seat by the class monitor who was stunned to know I was in fact their new class teacher. Initially a bit intimidated by the 40 students who were mostly older than me, I was determined to make it worth for their attending my classes. I taught only in English, only to know after the first few lessons that less than half of the students could fully comprehend what I said. I insisted on using English, though, with very little Cantonese for the students to immerse in an English-speaking environment, and was pleased to witness their continual improvement and know from the class monitor that my classes had always had the highest number of attendance.

Indeed, I admired my adult students who quit day school to provide financial support to their families. Exhausted from work at daytime but determined to enhance themselves, they put in their best efforts, which was a big contrast to the business English classes I taught at Open University many years later, in which some students always had their eyes on their mobile phones and rarely turned in their assignments, squandering their parents' money and wasting their time in the end.

Upon finishing university, I turned down a teaching position at a secondary school and worked in a youth centre for a year, prompting me to pursue a master's degree in social work which consequently earned me a full MBA scholarship at the top business school in Australia. Having tasted the corporate glamour but loathed the rat race for a few years after attaining my MBA, I returned to the dream of my youth and founded E-Smart with the intent not to boost students' school results but to help equip them with an essential tool to understand our world. With a good command of English, our young people can enjoy access to a wider array of information and resources that will help them see issues from a myriad of perspectives and learn to articulate their

own judgements. That is why I used to include a lot of philosophical and social issues for students' speaking practice in our DSE English curriculum. In fact, my students who have achieved the highest grades in the DSE English exam are not nerds but critical and original thinkers.

Over the past 23 years, I have been particularly grateful to the teachers who are dedicated to instilling a positive learning attitude and good work habits in our students who are increasingly subject to the negative influences of the cyberworld and subsequently lost in online gaming and social media. Reading, which is vital to the development of creativity and lateral thinking, has now become a lost passion among most children and teenagers. It is increasingly difficult for us to nurture their love for reading but we are not ready to give up yet.

Looking forward, I stand by William Arthur Ward's vision that teachers should aim to inspire students so that they won't simply regurgitate the opinions of the authorities but read extensively and think deeply to become truly smart and happy in life.

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

Stars of the Month

Au Nga Hei, Tracy	GW2A Sat 2:00-3:00
Chan Pak Yiu	PTWB Fri 3:30-4:30
Chan Tsz Ying, Toby	PTWE3 Fri 4:30-5:30
Cheuk Wing Yee, Hannah	WTE2B Tue 3:30-4:30
Cheung Pak Hei, Markus	WTE8B Mon 6:30-7:30
Choi Ho Chung, Ethan	WTE4B Sat 11:00-12:00
Chow Si Lam, Scarlett	WTE1 Sat 3:00-4:00
Chu Man Pok, Man	WTE4A Sat 11:00-12:00
Fung Lap Yin, Elvis	IEK4B Thu 5:30-6:30
Ji Chun Hei, Jesse	GW1 Sat 2:00-3:00
Kim Min Jae	WTE4A Fri 4:30-5:30
Ko Sum Yau, Zoe	IEK4A Sat 12:00-1:00
Kwok Cailie	WTE2A Wed 5:30-6:30
Kwok Sze Nam, Angus	IEK6A Sat 9:00-10:00
Lam Chiu Ming, Haden	WTE6A Fri 5:30-6:30
Lau Shing Fung, Dickson	WTE4B Fri 6:30-7:30
Lee Ho Fung, Kelvin	IEK6B Sat 11:00-12:00
Leung Yiu Chuen, Bosco	PTWR Fri 5:30-6:30
Li Pak Shun, Morris	WTE1 Fri 5:30-6:30
Li Pui Lam, Angie	WTE8A Thu 4:30-5:30
Li Sum Yuet, Cindy	IEK2A Sat 2:00-3:00
Liu Ailey Wai-Si	GW4A Sat 3:00-4:00
Liu Tsz Hin, Kobby	PTWR Sat 10:00-11:00
Liu Yi Qi, Yuki	IEKKA Sat 1:00-2:00
Ma Pok Ho, Alvin	IEK2B Tue 5:30-6:30
Ng Cheuk Lam, Jolie	WTE6B Wed 4:30-5:30
Ng Tsz Yu, Yuri	IEKKA Tue 4:30-5:30
So Wang Ching, Jayden	WTE4B Thu 4:30-5:30
Tsui Hei Tung, Aiden	WTE2A Sat 3:00-4:00
Wong Ho Chun, Declan	PTWP2 Thu 5:30-6:30
Wong Ho Hin, Coco	WTE2A Tue 4:30-5:30
Wong Tsz Hin, Markel	IEK8B Sat 10:00-11:00
Yeung Cheuk Nam, Namson	PTWE3 Mon 5:30-6:30
Yu Lok Tung, Cherry	WTE2A Sat 10:00-11:00
Yue Lincoln	WTE2B Sat 3:00-4:00

Mid-Autumn Festival is on the 10th of September this year on the Gregorian calendar, but next year, it will fall on the 29th of September. Why? You ask. That's because Mi-Autumn Festival is held on the 15th day of the 8th month of the Lunar calendar (Some people call it the Chinese calendar).

Mid-Autumn Festival is also called the Moon Festival because the moon is at its roundest and brightest on this day. The roundness and brightness symbolize togetherness and reunion in Chinese culture. It is also one of the most important festivals in Chinese culture. Nevertheless, the Moon Festival is also observed in other Asian countries such as Japan, Korea, Malaysia and Singapore. Names of the festival may be different, but the festival date in these countries is the same as China's.

~Ms. Michelle

E-Smart's Writers of September:

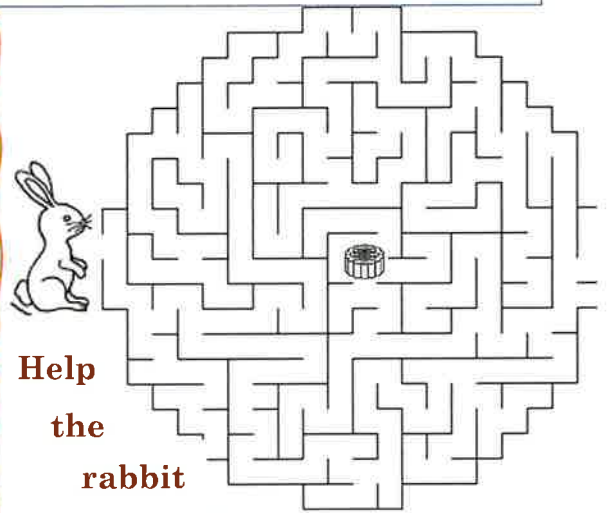
Wing Wong [WTE2A] – *Comics*

Li Tsz Hin [WTE4B] – *I am a Phone*

Tiffany Ho [WTE4A] – *A Space Adventure*

Zoe Ko [WTE4B] – *Insects*

Eunice Leung [WTE4B] – *Emily and the Carrot King*



Help
the
rabbit
find the
mooncake.

My Monster by Vicky Yiu [WTE6B]



I have a monster friend. She is called Andrea. She is a cat-shaped monster.

Andrea has three big shiny eyes. She has soft white fur. She has two fluffy big ears. She also has three tails which are as long as a snake. She is very beautiful.

She is a very sporty monster. She likes to swim in the sea. She also likes playing basketball with me and my friends. She is also a curious monster. She likes to read books to find out the answers to her questions.

At first, I was a bit scared of her, but after getting to know her after a long time, I found out that she is a very cute and pure monster. I love her so much!

If you want to be friends with her, you shouldn't yell at her. You shouldn't hurt her also because she will hurt your back. If you are nice to her, then she will be nice to you.



Mid Autumn Word Search

D	K	V	G	V	L	P	U	M	S	E	S
W	A	Q	O	R	W	V	O	N	T	E	E
G	I	Y	M	R	H	O	R	M	G	T	L
L	R	O	U	N	N	E	U	P	J	A	D
D	U	X	E	C	T	I	R	Y	V	R	D
J	R	N	A	N	V	H	W	T	E	B	I
G	N	K	A	R	A	B	B	I	T	E	R
N	E	L	Z	R	W	U	N	X	Q	L	T
A	O	M	R	E	B	M	E	T	P	E	S
N	B	O	E	U	H	R	Y	U	Z	C	Q
V	N	N	M	U	T	U	A	D	I	M	R
M	O	O	N	G	O	D	D	E	S	S	X

mooncake	September
moon	celebrate
lanterns	rabbit
lunar	mid-autumn
riddles	moon goddess