# Thrive at E-Smart

**April 2023** 

## From the Headmaster's Desk

Life becomes harder for us when we live for others, but it also becomes richer and happier. ~ Albert Schweitzer

Dear parents,

Spring should be a season of life and joy, but for the past few weeks I have experienced a lot of anguish, and I am yet to come to terms with the sudden loss of beloved family members of two dear friends. To everyone's shock, the 50-year-old wife of a friend died unexpectedly during a fairly common percutaneous coronary intervention (angioplasty) surgery. Another friend's husband in his sixties sustained severe brain injury from a bad fall while walking on the street, and sadly the doctors failed to revive him in the end.

Amid these depressing incidents, I received from a friend a video clip in which the manager of a mausoleum urges his viewers to live a life for themselves rather than for others, reminding us that after we die, we might only be remembered by our family and friends on special occasions, and life goes on for our loved ones until we are totally forgotten. Regrettably, he is right to say that our departed family members will gradually be disregarded. My mother passed away 24 years ago, and in the first few years, I would go to the cemetery once every couple of months to remember her (though I knew her spirit wasn't there.) Now, I will go about three to four times a year, including Ching Ming Festival and Double Ninth Festival. Over the years, I have observed some of the older graves becoming derelict as apparently no one has visited the deceased for years. Sadly but truly, most of us will be totally forgotten by others after we pass from this life.

However, what does it exactly mean to live a life for oneself rather than for others? Conceivably, there is no easy answer to this question. Neither does the manager of the mausoleum clearly explain. For this generation of Internet and social media users, an immediate insight might be to stop counting the number of 'likes' for our posts. Unless you have been made a Google partner, and make a living out of the number of views and subscriptions, your posts will literally be meaningless when you are unheeded by others in good time. Indeed, the continued yearning to get more likes and followers has caused nervousness and even anxiety depression among some people who spend countless number of hours to take the most striking photos, make the funniest videos or write the most memorable stories. The incessant drive to impress others and look good in the cyberworld has cultivated a culture of fabrication and fraud rather than integrity and interaction among people.

Ironically, while becoming more reliant on the recognition of others in the virtual world, more and more people live a solitary life and rarely meet people face-to-face. The thumbs-up and care signs, however numerous, can never give us the same level of warmth and support from real hugs and kisses from our friends and loved ones. In social media,

we may feel compelled to write remarkable posts to feel liked and loved whereas in real life, we simply need to be fully present to feel valued and validated by people who truly care about us. In essence, when we sincerely interact with others, we live for others as well as for ourselves rather than simply for our self-satisfaction.

It is wise not to live a life simply to please others, but does it mean that we can't live for others even in due course they are going to forget all about us? If I truly love my spouse, I would definitely love to see him or her get over the loss and laugh at a comedy rather than live in misery indefinitely after I am gone. For my child and grandchild, I hope to see their content and confident faces fostered by my persistent affirmation and love since their childhood, and for them to be fully independent, I should fade out of their lives rather than hover over their minds all the time.

As we celebrate Ching Ming Festival and Easter this month, let's acknowledge our ancestors and Jesus who have lived their lives for our sake, and pass on their loving spirit to our children and others.

Yours sincerely,

Clive Chan

## Stars of the Month

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IEK6B Sat 12:00-1:00 STLA Tue 9:30-10:30 WTE10B Sat 10:00-11:00 WTE4A Sat 2:00-3:00 GWF6B Sat 3:00-4:00 IEKKA Sat 9:00-10:00 WTE6A Tue 6:30-7:30 WTE4B Wed 5:30-6:30 PTWP2 Fri 5:30 / IEK2B Sat 1:00 WTE6A Sat 11:00-12:00 PTWR Fri 3:30-4:30 IEK8B Sat 9:00-10:00 WTE4A Thu 4:30-5:30 IEK6A Sat 11:00-12:00 WTF2B Sat 3:00-4:00 WTE6B Sat 11:00-12:00 WTE2B Sat 10:00-11:00 WTE2A Wed 4:30-5:30 GWF2A Sat 1:00-2:00 WTE4B Tue 4:30-5:30 WTE1 Sat 10:00-11:00 IEK4A Sat 9:00-10:00 WTE2B Fri 5:30-6:30 WTE6B Thu 6:30-7:30 IEK4B Sat 2:00-3:00 WTE2B Thu 4:30-5:30 IEKKA Thu 10:30-11:30 WTF2A Fri 4:30-5:30 PTWP1 Sat 10:00-11:00 GWF4B Sat 2:00-3:00 GWF1 Sat 4:00-5:00 PTW3 Mon 5:30-6:30 WTE4A Sat 11:00-12:00



## Students Page April 2023



April is a special month of the year when we celebrate a very important festival for Christians. Easter is a holiday in which children can have fun with egg hunting activities and decorate them to make them colourful. For Christians, Easter has a very strong meaning. It is to remind us how Jesus died but came back to life again three days later. Did you know that there is a very meaningful connection between Jesus and eggs? A new life comes into the world when a baby chick is born. Jesus also came back to life with a new life from the tomb. In addition to being the month of Easter, the spring season has started and we can see flowers blooming. With new life, there are also new hopes and dreams. Let's continue to be grateful for our achievements and hopeful that more new and good things will come our way this year.

~Ms Josephine

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WRITERS OF APRIL:**

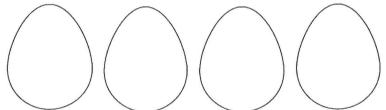
Best Writer: Pingu Kong (WTE4B) Gun Fish

Other Writers: Angus Chu (WTE4B) The Lost Child; Haymond Fok (WTE6B) The Next Twenty Years;

Elizabeth Chan (WTE6B) The Haunted House

## Let's decorate some easter eggs 😊







## **Gun Fish** By Pingu Kong (WTE4B)

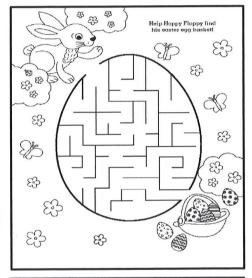
Gun Fish are giant fish which live in the sea. People find them to be frightening because they are big.

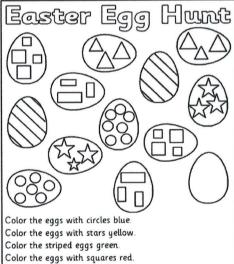
Gun Fish are 42m long and weigh 500kg. But when they are born, they are 31cm and weigh 1kg. When they are old, they can't swim fast and they always sleep for a long time.

When Gun Fish are angry, they use their little gun and shoot their enemy. They also hide behind the coral.

Gun Fish like eating seaweed and small fish. Sometimes, they also like eating octopus. Gun Fish need to eat a lot of food in a day. They need to eat 100 pounds in a day.

Gun Fish live for 30 to 35 years. When they become old, they can't do anything agilely.





Color the eggs with rectangles orange. Color the eggs with triangles purple. Draw some shapes on the blank egg.