

### From the Headmaster's Desk

"The best fathers have the softest, sweetest hearts. In other words, great dads are real marshmallows."

Richelle E. Goodrich, 'Slaying Dragons'

Dear parents,

Many children love marshmallows, but most parents won't like to be considered marshmallows by their kids, worried that their softness might be abused by a little tearaway growing up. As the old saying goes, 'spare the rod, spoil the child', so parents, especially fathers, would prefer to be the disciplinarian in the family, giving his child the appropriate reward or punishment (hopefully not physical) to prompt desirable behaviour. Discipline can usually elicit compliance from young children, so it is often hard for the discipline master of the family to realize the possible negative impact or emotional trauma inflicted on these young delicate hearts, which could even affect the way they relate with their loved ones later in life.

One such example is a mid-aged couple who has come for counselling on their communication barriers. They have a pretty good relationship overall despite their distinctively different personalities. An administrator at work, the wife is a planner, making detailed plans for everything. The husband, on the other hand, is more perceptive and adaptive than sensing and organized. However, being accountable, he will accommodate his wife's every request and query about things to be done, and feel upset when his wife doesn't seem totally satisfied with the arrangement. Upon inquiry, he revealed that when he was about 11, his dad promised to buy the family an expensive video game if he got full marks in English dictation 10 times consecutively. He studied hard and got full marks 9 times in a row, and on the day that his dad expected the tenth 100 marks, his dad bought the game but disappointingly, he got only 99 as he missed one punctuation mark. The father opened the game and played with his younger brother who didn't have to fulfil the requirement, and when this young boy feebly asked his dad if he could play a bit, his dad reminded him of his disgrace for not acing the dictation, causing him to weep in bed for hours.

In all fairness, the incident might have some positive impact. The young boy has grown up to be pretty successful at school and at work, regarded as highly dependable by his family and friends. However, he suffers the nervousness to please his wife and becomes self-blaming and silent when things don't go smoothly as planned due to some unforeseen circumstances rather than poor planning, giving him a lot of undue anxiety and stress.

Another mid-aged man, on the other hand, has a dad who didn't punish him accordingly but left another kind of emotional trauma over his wrongdoing. When he was 9 years old, he took a \$100 dollar bill left by his dad on the dining table and bought an electronic gadget from a stationery shop in the neighborhood. Upon seeing the new gadget yet to be opened, his father took his hand and went downstairs to

rebuff the shopkeeper, demanding the money back by returning the unused gadget. The shopkeeper refused, and the usually gentle father roared with anger, thereby attracting the attention and discussion of neighbors, making the young boy feel ashamed. In the end, they failed to get the money back and the father blamed the shopkeeper rather than his son, so instead of dumping the gadget in the trash, he gave his son the new toy. Though the boy did enjoy playing with the gadget, the indelible mark of shame left by the incident has still been affecting him after 30 years. He is afraid to be put on the spot and will choose to run away rather than calmly tackle disagreement with others.

From these two examples, it is clear that we need to take care of the emotions of our children and have the wisdom to foster positive behaviour by making reasonable rather than unattainable demands and delivering appropriate rather than unpredictable consequences for any misbehavior.

Be soft and sensible!

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

### Stars of the Month

Au Ming Hin, Steve	WTE2A Sat 3:00-4:00
Chan Pak Hei, Karl	IEK2B Fri 4:30-5:30
Chau Yui Tin, Isaac	PTWE1 Sat 10:00-11:00
Chin Yan Ting, Jinnie	GWFF6A Sat 3:00-4:00
Choi Man Chun, Zeena	IEKKB Mon 3:30-4:30
Hung Ling To, Allen	IEK2A Sat 1:00-2:00
Hung Wing Laam, Ivana	IEK8A Sat 9:00-10:00
Kwong Wang Chi, Wilson	IEK8B Sat 11:00-12:00
Lai Yi Kwan, Sophie	WTE6A Sat 11:00-12:00
Lee Yan Pok, Bryan	WTE6B Sat 2:00-3:00
Li Tsz Wai, Ethan	WTE8B Sat 11:00-12:00
Lin Yat Hong, Hayden	WTE2A Sat 10:00-11:00
Lin Yat On, Anka	WTE1 Sat 10:00-11:00
Liu Yi Qi, Yuki	GWFF2B Fri 5:30-6:30
Mak Pak Him, Fason	PTWP3 Sat 5:00-6:00
Man Kin Ching, Lester	IEK6B Sat 9:00-10:00
Ng Chi Yin, Andy	GWFF2A Sat 2:00-3:00
Ng Chi Yin, Andy	IEK4B Tue 5:30-6:30
Ng Siu Long, Hayden	WTE6B Thu 4:30-5:30
Po Kaitlyn	PTWR Mon 10:30-11:30
So Pak Lam, Carson	IEK4A Sat 2:00-3:00
Tsui Hei Tung, Aiden	WTE4A Sat 3:00-4:00
Wen Pui Pan, Paco	IEK6B Thu 5:30-6:30
Wen Pui Yuk, Kristy	IEK4B Sat 12:00-1:00
Wong Ho Chun, Declan	PTWE3 Thu 5:30-6:30
Wong Tsz Him, Perseus	WTE2A Thu 4:30-5:30
Wu Hiu Ting, Hilary	GWFF4A Sat 2:00-3:00
Wu Hiu Ting, Hilary	WTE4B Wed 4:30-5:30
Wu Hiu Tung, Hyday	WTE2B Sat 1:00-2:00
Yam Chi Him, Randy	GWFF4B Sat 1:00-2:00
Yam Chi Him, Randy	WTE4B Sat 11:00-12:00
Yan Wing Yin, Chloe	WTE4B Fri 4:30-5:30
Yeung Cheuk Nam, Namson	GWFF2A Sat 9:00-10:00
Yeung Hoi Ching, Eunice	IEK2B Sat 9:00-10:00
Yeung Siu Hei, Henry	WTE2B Fri 6:30-7:30
Zhang Lai Yu, Lily	WTE8A Sat 11:00-12:00



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June is the month in which we celebrate Father's Day. After showing your love and appreciation for your mother in May, it's now time to do the same for your father. Did you know that the first day of June is a very special day known as Global Day of Parents? You can give both your parents lots of hugs and let them know how much you love both of them on this day.

~Ms Josephine

Here are some fun facts for June:

1. June is named after a Roman Goddess.
2. The birthstones for June are the pearl, alexandrite and moonstone.
2. June 3 – World Bicycle Day
3. June 5 – Sausage Roll Day and World Environment Day
4. June 16 – Father's Day

## E-SMART'S WRITERS OF JUNE:

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Alvin Ma (WTE2A) – A Farmer's Problems

Carly Lau (WTE2A) – If I Were a Queen

Elsa Ng (WTE2A) – If I Were a Queen

Li Tsz Hin (WTE6B) – Ice

## A Mysterious Parcel at the Airport

By Issac Wong (WTE8A)



Today, I was at the airport to see a relative off. As I was leaving the airport, I noticed a large brown parcel beside a rubbish bin. I took it to the authorities as it might have been left there by somebody.

When the authorities opened the parcel, to my horror, there were body parts of a deceased person inside. The authorities immediately called the police and they launched an investigation into why the parcel was there and who put it there. Upon reviewing security footage, it was an unidentified man who put the parcel there. Upon closer inspection, the police identified the unknown person who turned out to be a 47-year-old psychopath. The police quickly searched the airport and caught him before he could board his plane and escape. The body parts have still not been identified.

This event has traumatized me and has led the public to question the safety of their lives. The police have also increased security in the airport. Had I not found the parcel and reported it, the man would probably have taken the lives of more innocent people.

## Father's Day Wordsearch

How many times can you find the word Father in the puzzle below?

f	a	q	w	r	r	e	h	t	a	f	r
t	a	u	v	n	o	a	f	o	o	o	a
o	o	t	r	e	h	t	a	f	q	c	j
c	h	r	h	e	f	a	t	h	e	r	f
q	t	e	c	e	c	l	h	f	t	a	a
k	z	h	a	f	r	j	e	y	r	f	t
r	f	t	r	g	a	f	r	e	a	r	h
e	a	a	e	v	u	t	h	t	y	e	e
h	t	f	h	n	w	t	h	d	j	h	r
t	h	x	t	k	a	e	l	e	a	t	c
a	e	d	a	f	r	t	g	q	r	a	i
f	r	j	f	a	t	h	e	r	u	f	r

Help the children find their dad and give him a Father's Day hug. 😊

