

From the Headmaster's Desk

"Perseverance leads to success."

– Moral from 'The tortoise and the hare', Aesop Fables

Dear parents,

Over my many years of teaching, I have derived a lot of joy from asking young students to write an alternative ending or epilogue to some well-known stories such as 'The Tortoise and The Hare' from Aesop Fables. While most teachers might conclude telling the fable by highlighting the importance of perseverance as the key to success, some students are reluctant to see themselves as the slow though persistent tortoise, so they would come up with a different ending. Here are a few awe-inspiring ideas from these ingenious students.

The first one, the least creative but apparently mainstream, is that the hare decided to make amends and chose not to rest until crossing the finish line. Therefore, the hare won every race against the tortoise. However, as one student added, the hare was stressed out as he was too hard on himself and wanted to win by a bigger margin every time, so he ended up having depression.

"How can we help the anxious hare?" I asked them. One girl wrote, 'The hare resolved to have work-life balance and set an alarm to rest for 2 minutes after running for 10 minutes, thereby winning every race and staying relaxed.' Not satisfied with this happy ending, another boy wrote, 'The hare found it monotonous and cushy to race against the slow tortoise, so he opted to challenge the leopard, only to lose by a small margin and got eaten by his opponent in the end!'

"Can the slow tortoise win at all?" I enquired. Some die-hard fans of the tortoise came up with some witty storylines. One wrote, 'The tortoise asked the hare to go with him to the mountain top and race down the hill. The race started and the hare started running frantically, only to find the tortoise tuck his head and feet into the shell and roll past him to the finish line. The tortoise won even though the hare did not rest this time.'

"Isn't that not fair? The tortoise didn't really make much effort but simply had an advantage because of his unique features." In response, a boy said. "The tortoise chose a long race path this time. As expected, the hare ran at his full speed and didn't dare to rest, hoping to attain a complete victory against the tortoise. However, his dreams shattered as he edged towards a lake that separated him from the finish line. As the hare couldn't swim, he waited nervously until the tortoise slowly appeared and swam leisurely past the finish line."

"Who do you want to be in the story, the tortoise or the rabbit?" I asked my students. Before being asked to think of an alternative ending, most students would choose to be the determined tortoise. However, their choices became varied as they started to appreciate the respective talents of the tortoise and the hare. It is not who they are but how they fully utilize their talents in the right way that will determine their success.

Who do you want your child to be in the story? While teaching our child to be persistent like the tortoise, most of us hope that our child is fast like the rabbit. Some of us even wish that the rabbit could swim, which is impossible. In fact, both the hare and the tortoise could win, provided that they choose the right path. Don't force your child to swim if your child is a rabbit. If your child is a tortoise, don't force her to run and tell her that she could win against the rabbit if she perseveres. Find a lake for her to swim or a mountain top for her to roll down.

Be clever parents so that your child won't waste energy doing things they can never excel. Instead, help them recognize and fully utilize their talents to thrive. Most importantly, don't stress them out so that they can stay happy. Have a great summer!

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

Stars of the Month

Chen Kam Hon, Tony
Cheung Yui Ching, Clement
Choi Ho Lam, Jack
Chong Kayden
Chow Sze Ki, Stephanie
Hui Harriet
Hung King Him, Jayden
Kwok Ching Kiu, Bowen
Lai Yi Tung, Crystal
Lam Jaycee
Lau Ching Sum, Venia
Leung Ka Hong, Kelvin
Li Sheung Wing, Bernice
Ren Zi Qing, Annie
Tang Lok Tsung, Parco
Tsai Chi Ko, Nick
Tsoi Hei Tong, Hazel
Tsui Hei Tung, Aiden
Wong Kin Ho, Issac
Woo Wai Kiu, QQ
Yam Chi Him, Randy
Yam Yuen Na, Anna
Yau Hok Yan, Holly
Yip Yu Shing, Bernice
Yu Man Him, Nico

WTE2A Sat 1:00-2:00
GWF9B Wed 6:30-7:30
IEK2A Sat 9:00-10:00
GWF4A Mon 5:30-6:30
PTWE3 Sat 5:00-6:00
WTE1 Fri 5:30-6:30
WTE4A Wed 4:30-5:30
IEK6A Thu 5:30-6:30
WTE2B Sat 10:00-11:00
WTE6B Sat 10:00-11:00
WTE8A Sat 11:00-12:00
WTE8B Sat 4:00-5:00
WTE10B Thu 6:30-7:30
IEK2B Wed 5:30-6:30
IEK4B Sat 1:00-2:00
WTE4B Sat 10:00-11:00
PTWP3 Sat 10:00-11:00
GWF6B Sat 2:00-3:00
WTE10B Sat 11:00-12:00
WTE4B Sat 3:00-4:00
GWF4A Sat 1:00-2:00
GWF4B Sat 2:00-3:00
WTE4B Thu 4:30-5:30
IEK4A Sat 12:00-1:00
GWF4B Thu 5:30-6:30

July often coincides with the height of summer, a season of warmth, longer days, and opportunities for outdoor activities and celebrations. Summer holidays are the most awaited time of the year in the lives of students as it gives them an opportunity to take a break from their daily routine, relax and enjoy their time with family and friends. Every year, students eagerly await their summer holidays with the hope of doing something different, which liberates them from the regular routine of school and studies.

I know that most of you (not me hahaha) enjoy the hot summer months and with the school season over and the sun shining in its full glory, I know most of you will enjoy travelling, days out at the beach, swimming and possibly a barbecue. So whatever you choose to do, be safe and ENJOY!

~ Mr Steve

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WRITERS OF JULY:

Best Writer: Zoe Ko (WTE6A) – Roséanne Park – The “Australian Wild Rose”

Others writers: Holly Yau (WTE4B) – Results; Jayden Hung (WTE4A) Rolex; Nick Tsai (WTE4B) A Horrible Dinosaur; Carly Lau (WTE4B) – A Strand of Hair Also Can't Move; Ethan Choi (WTE6A) A Royal Person

Roséanne Park – “The Australian Wild Rose” – By Zoe Ko (WTE6A)



Roséanne Park is one of the successful singers in Korea. She knows how to play the guitar and the piano.

Rosé was born in Auckland. At the age of seven, she began singing. Her dad knew she liked singing very much. Therefore, Rosé went to attend an audition for YG Entertainment, a South Korean company whose music label is well-liked. Until now, she still thinks that her father's idea was a joke and said that she didn't think that she had chance to become a K-pop star.

Two months later, Rosé signed with YG Entertainment as a trainee and moved to South Korea.

Roséanne was a member of BlackPink and debuted in 2016. She and her group members had a great result. After two years, they went to a music festival called “Coachella”. On that night, the wind drifted with her hair, making her very famous.

In 2021, Rosé debuted a single album and she broke the almost eight-year record! Her song “On the Ground” became the first song by a female K-pop solo artist to enter the UK singles chart.

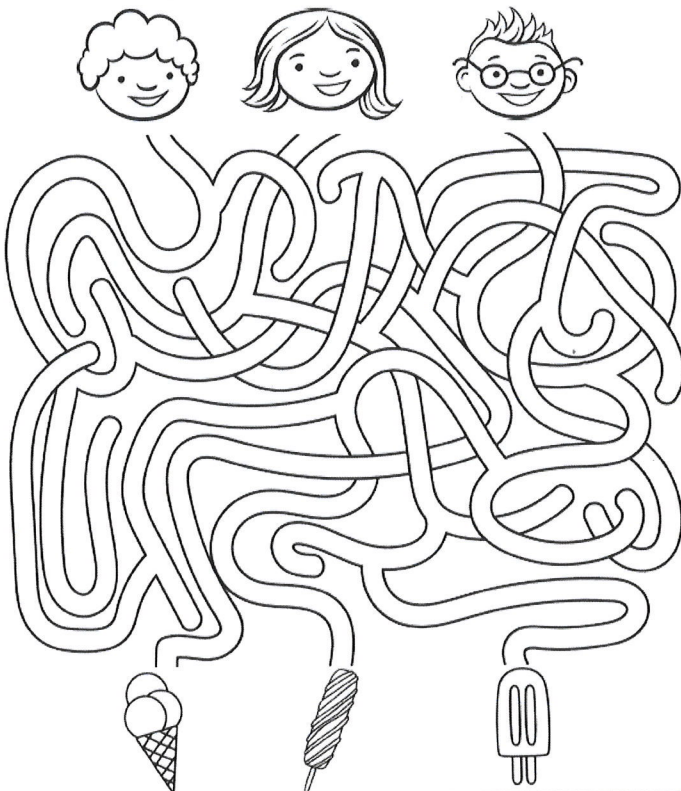
In 2023, Rosé and her member decided not to proceed with a contract with YG Entertainment for individual activities. It is because they only had 31 songs and their company wasn't good to them.

Rosé released the song “APT” with American singer – Bruno Mars in her album Rosie. The song had a huge success. Until now, “APT” had 900 million sales.

I think Rosé's career is well on her way up. But still she doesn't have a boyfriend. I hope she can find a boy who is very kind to her and truly cares about her.

Summer Treats

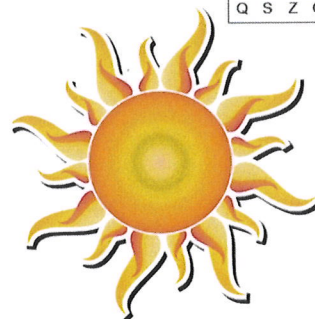
DIRECTIONS: Use a different colored pencil or pen to trace each of the three friends to his or her favorite ice cream treat.



DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

AUGUST
BASEBALL
BEACH
CAMPING
FRISBEE
GAMES
GARDEN
GRASS
ICE CREAM
JULY

SUMMER FUN



JUNE	SHORTS
OCEAN	SNORKEL
OUTDOORS	SUNSHINE
PARK	SWIM
PICNIC	THUNDER
PLAY	VACATION
SANDALS	WATERMELON