

From the Headmaster's Desk

"The future belongs to those who learn more skills and combine them in creative ways."

– Robert Greene

Dear parents,

We are in the middle of a very hot summer, which could discourage some of us from engaging in outdoor activities. For your children's health, however, they should be encouraged to flex their muscles from time to time rather than sit in front of the computer, tablet or smartphone for an extended time.

In addition to sports, you will probably get them to attend summer classes so that they don't stay idle or lag behind in their academic pursuit. What then should they be learning to be better prepared for the future? You may all have different arrangements, taking into account the unique personality, strengths and interests of your kids. However, if you pay attention to the latest developments of the world, you will understand additional drilling won't be beneficial.

"We don't teach you what to think. We only show you how to learn." I was more than astonished to read this poster on the door of a tutorial centre in a shopping mall while waiting to meet a friend on a weekday morning. If the centre had not been closed at that time, I would have probably gone inside to ask the tutors why they don't teach the kids analytical thinking, which, according to the latest OCED report, is one of the core skills to thrive in a world economy increasingly underpinned by artificial intelligence (AI) technology.

The World Economic Forum's *Future of Jobs Report 2025* lists the top 10 core skills based on insights from 1,000 leading global employers as follows:

1. analytical thinking (69%)
2. resilience, flexibility and agility (67%)
3. leadership and social influence (61%)
4. creative thinking (57%)
5. motivation and self-awareness (52%)
6. technological literacy (51%)
7. empathy and active listening (50%)
8. curiosity and lifelong learning (50%)
9. talent management (47%)
10. service orientation and customer service (47%)

If you look at the list carefully, you will realize most of these abilities cannot be acquired by repetitive and boring rote learning. Most can only be nurtured through persistent self-reflection, inquisitive exploration and incessant experimentation. While technical proficiency is basic, success is expected to be attained by people with strong interpersonal skills, emotional intelligence and a commitment to unceasing learning.

Lest you should find it too abstract, let me put it in terms of English learning for primary school students. Instead of asking your kids to regurgitate some grammar rules and do endless guided writing exercises, get them to read a story and create an alternative ending. Watch a movie with your kids and ask them to tell you what messages the director is trying to convey and whether they agree. Besides having a good laugh, help them analyze the personality strengths and shortcomings of movie characters, such as those in the movie "Inside Out". Nurture their empathy and active listening skills: listen to them quietly and paraphrase their feelings and thoughts, then ask them to do the same for you and their friends.

As the father of three young men who have attained success in their studies and careers, I am proud to say my sons have acquired the top 10 core skills over years of extensive reading and active interaction with different individuals at school and varied social groups. In their primary school years, I gave them reading and creative writing assignments, not dull and repetitive worksheets.

Take heed of the visionary report and prepare your kids for success in the next 10 to 15 years. Do the right thing rather than waste their energy or lessen their motivation to learn. Grant your kids a stimulating and inspirational summer!

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

Stars of the Month

Chan Wun Hei, Jason
Cheng Chun Hei, Marcus
Chiu Cassie
Chong Kayden
Choy Ka Yee, Sarah
Ho Nok Yu, Rianna
Ip Yan Tung, Ella
Kan Pui Yui, Aiden
Ko Sum Yau, Zoe
Ku Tsz Yau, Yoyo
Kwok Ching Kiu, Bowen
Lee Sing Wai, Ella
Li Corinna
Lui Hau Kiu, Johanna
Man Kin Ching, Lester
Ng Cheuk Yui, Esther
Poon Ka Ki, Andrew
Poon Tsoi Ting, Teenie
Poon Tsz Mak, Wheatley
Tse Chun Yin, Jasmine
Yeung Hoi Ching, Eunice

WTE4A Fri 4:30-5:30
IEK8A Sat 11:00-12:00
WTE1 Fri 5:30-6:30
WTE4A Wed 4:30-5:30
GWF4A Sat 1:00-2:00
WTE4A Sat 3:00-4:00
IEK2B Wed 5:30-6:30
PTWP3 Sat 10:00-11:00
IEK8B Sat 12:00-1:00
IEK4B Sat 1:00-2:00
IEK6A Thu 5:30-6:30
WTE2B Sat 10:00-11:00
WTE6B Tue 4:30-5:30
WTE4B Fri 5:30-6:30
GWF6B Sat 2:00-3:00
WTE4B Thu 4:30-5:30
GWF9B Wed 6:30-7:30
WTE2A Sat 1:00-2:00
IEKKA Mon 4:30-5:30
WTE4B Sat 10:00-11:00
IEK2A Sat 9:00-10:00



FUN! FUN! FUN!

The month of August has arrived. Farewell to school for the summer.

Summer holiday is the time for travel and fun time by doing things together with our family. What a great time to bond with all our family members as we are having a superb rest time with great enjoyment!

Have you and your family decided where you will all gather to enjoy one another's company? Will you visit with your grandparents? Will you visit some special places that you have always wanted to? This is the time to relax and find new inspiration by recharging your batteries.

We here at E-Smart are looking forward to hearing and reading your summer adventures with how you have got around during this wonderful long break.

~ Ms Lavina

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WRITERS OF AUGUST:

Best Writer: Li Tsz Hin (WTE6A) – When I Am Old

Others writers: Caitlyn Lui (WTE6B) – New Day of School; Issac Wong (WTE10B) The Story of Shade; Rianna Ho (WTE4A) A Funny Thing in School!; Ethan Choi (WTE6A) – My Grandma; Tony Chen (WTE2A) A Comic

When I Am Old – By Li Tsz Hin (WTE6A)

When I am old, I would like to be a good grandfather. I am 70 years old and have a son. My son is 35 years old and he got married at the age of 28. I got married 38 years ago. My wife died two years ago and I live on my own.

My son sometimes visits me and he will bring his son to me. His son is very cute and he is 6 years old. He has started going to a primary school but my son and his wife need to work so I need to take care of him for a bit of time after school. I often give him some food and play with him. He is very fat so I need to run with him every day. Luckily, I can still run, but I can't run too fast now.

When my son gets unhappy, he looks for me and talks with me. I always give him some useful information to help him solve the problems. And he is good to me too; he always gives something to me, such as bread and cake.

At least I have a happy family and they are good to me. We help and take care of one another. I am not the least useful in the family; they let me find my importance in the family. I thank them so much and hope their life will become better.



Across

- Grains on the beach.
- Living in a tent.
- It warms you up.
- Two wheeled transportation.
- Comes with a shovel.
- Full of daylight.
- A sandy shore.
- Area of inland water.
- Warmest 3 months of the year.
- Top for warm weather.

Down

- Plunging into the water.
- Move through the water.
- Summer hazard.
- House in the woods.
- Frozen treat.
- Trail walking.
- A place to swim
- Pants for hot weather.
- Toy for a windy day.
- Mildly hot.

Word Bank

BEACH, BIKE, CABIN, CAMPING, DIVING, FIRE, HEAT, HIKING, ICE CREAM, KITE, LAKE, PAIL, POOL, SAND, SHORTS, SUMMER, SUNNY, SWIM, T-SHIRT, WARM

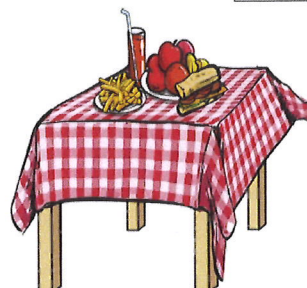
DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

BARBECUE
BLUEBERRY
CAPRESE SALAD
CHERRY
COCONUT WATER
CORN ON THE COB
FRESH HERBS
FROZEN YOGURT
FRUIT SALAD
GAZPACHO
GRILLED CHICKEN

SUMMER FOODS

Word Search

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N	O	N	Y	A	F	K	C	H	E	S	T	R	D	P	O	M	S	P
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HAMBURGER	PINEAPPLE
HOT DOG	POPSICLE
ICE CREAM	SALSA
ICED TEA	SMOOTHIE
LEMONADE	S'MORE
MANGO	SORBET
PASTA SALAD	STRAWBERRY
PEACH	WATERMELON