

From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents,

April is upon us, and with it comes the beautiful, springtime celebration of Easter. As we prepare for a short break, I would like to take a moment to share the deeper significance of this holiday and why its themes are so relevant to the education and character development of your children.

Easter is considered the most important festival in the Christian tradition. It is a celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. To understand the joy of Easter, we must first look at the events that led to it.

Over 2,000 years ago, Jesus was a teacher who travelled throughout the land of Israel. He spoke with such authority that drew people to him; he offered profound wisdom, admonished hypocrisy, and performed countless miracles, healing the sick and offering hope to the marginalized and underprivileged. He gathered a close circle of 12 disciples and amassed a large following of believers.

At that time, Israel was under the heavy occupation of the Roman Empire. The Jewish people, yearning for freedom, saw in Jesus the potential for a political king who would overthrow their oppressors. However, to their confusion and disappointment, Jesus did not seek an earthly throne. Instead, he was arrested, condemned, and suffered an excruciating death on a cross.

In that moment of darkness, his followers were disillusioned and scattered. Their hopes for a new political leader seemed to have died with him. But the story does not end there. The cornerstone of Easter is the belief that three days later, Jesus rose from the dead, appearing to his disciples and breathing new life into their mission. From that point, a small, frightened group of followers grew into a vibrant, global Christian community that endures to this day.

Now, nearly 2,200 years later, we might ask: What meaning does this ancient story hold for us and our children in the modern world?

History shows us a constant pattern, a truth echoed in the ancient texts that "there is nothing new under the sun." We have seen mighty empires, like Rome itself, rise and fall. We have witnessed political leaders who, seeking their own interests or status, wield authority to make people succumb to their power. While such leaders may

command obedience, they rarely command true love or lasting admiration.

What sets the story of Easter apart is the nature of the leadership Jesus embodied. It was not a leadership of force, but of service. It was a leadership that prioritized others, even unto death. This concept, known as "servant leadership," is what has made such a significant and lasting impact on the world. It is a model of influence built not on power, but on kindness, humility, respect, and compassion.

This is the spirit we hope to cultivate in our students here at E-Smart. We want them to understand that true greatness isn't about being the boss or having the most power. It is about serving others, lifting them up, and leading with empathy. As they grow, learning to be kind to a classmate, respectful to an adult, humble in their achievements, and compassionate toward those who are struggling are the very foundations of a life well-lived.

We believe that if our children embrace this spirit of servant leadership, our world will surely become a better, more harmonious place.

As we celebrate Easter this April, we encourage you to discuss these themes with your children. Whether through stories, acts of kindness, or simply reflecting on the holiday, we hope the true spirit of the season fills your home with joy and warmth.

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

Stars of the Month

Chau Yui Tin, Isaac	PTW5 Sat 10:00-11:00
Cheng Chun Hei, Marcus	IEK10B Sat 11:00-12:00
Chung Ka Ki, Tiana	WTE6B Sat 11:00-12:00
Hui Harriet	WTE2A Fri 4:30-5:30
Hung Ling To, Allen	GW4F Fri 5:30-6:30
Kwan Tsz Ching, Eleanor	IEK4A Sat 1:00-2:00
Kwong Tsz Yau, Hazel	WTE6A Sat 3:00-4:00
Li Sheung Wing, Bernice	WTE10A Thu 6:30-7:30
Lin Yat On, Anka	WTE2A Sat 10:00-11:00
Lo Herman	IEK2A Thu 5:30-6:30
Ma Hei Yan, Danielle	WTE2A Sat 12:00-1:00
Ma Suet Hei	IEKKA Tue 3:00-4:00
Ma Yui Ching, Sophia	IEKKA Tue 3:00-4:00
Ng Chi Yin, Andy	GW4F Sat 2:00-3:00
Ng Ching Yau, Jayden	WTE4A Sat 10:00-11:00
Ngan Tsz Chung, Tony	WTE6B Sat 3:00-4:00
Shou Aidan	WTE6A Tue 4:30-5:30
So Pak Lam, Carson	IEK6A Sat 2:00-3:00
Tsui Hei Tung, Aiden	GW4F Sat 2:00-3:00
Wong Tsz Him, Perseus	WTE4A Thu 4:30-5:30
Yam Chi Him, Randy	GW4F Sat 1:00-2:00
Yeung Ching Hei	WTE6B Fri 4:30-5:30



April Reflections: Renewal, Remembrance, and Roots

April in Hong Kong always feels like a month of gentle looking back and hopeful looking forward. With Easter, many of us are reminded of renewal: longer days, fresh starts, and the small courage it takes to try again – whether that's speaking up in class, learning a new word, or making a mistake and continuing anyway.

This season also brings Ching Ming, a time to visit graves, tidy memorials, and remember the people who shaped our families. Although I was born in England, the twelve generations before me were all born here in Hong Kong, so this tradition feels especially close to my heart. It's a reminder that our stories travel with us, across places and languages.

In our classrooms this month, I hope we can practise the language of remembrance and gratitude – sharing family memories, describing traditions, and listening with care. May April bring you peace, connection, and a renewed sense of where you come from.

~ Mr Philip

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WRITERS OF APRIL:

Best Writer: Nick Tsai (4A) – An Argument

Others writers: Anka Lin (2A) A Robbery; Aiden Tsui (6A) Father; Bernice Li (10A) The Space Programs; Johanna Lui (4A) An Argument; Rianna Ho (6B) My Very First Time During Primary School

An Argument – By Nick Tsai (WTE4A)

My classmates Sam and John shouted at each other today at school. John laughed at Sam because he thought Sam is not good at learning. Sam shouted, "No! I am not bad at learning!", John laughed, "No, you are very bad at some subjects!" Sam got angry. He said, "You are not very good at Maths either!" Then, he called the teacher. John said, "He shouted at me!" Sam said, "He laughed at me. He says I am not good at learning!" The teacher said, "John, don't laugh at others. Sam, don't shout at others."

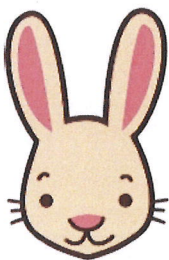
They knew that laughing at others and shouting are not good. They became friends and they played and learned together happily.



Easter Day Word Hunt

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

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P	B	B	N	W	Y	O	N	S	D	A	G	I	E	C
E	T	A	R	O	C	E	D	A	K	N	Z	N	D	O
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X	B	H	M	P	E	F	M	E	Z	F	I	C	R	A
G	A	Y	I	Z	O	Y	Q	T	Q	Z	A	T	A	T
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N	T	K	R	D	D	B	Y	C	W	K	S	U	C	Y
Y	P	R	I	R	A	Q	J	E	L	E	R	A	N	M
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- BASKET
- BUNNY
- CANDY
- CARROT
- CHICKS
- CHOCOLATE
- DAFFODIL

- DECORATE
- EASTER
- EGGS
- FLOWER
- HUNT
- JELLYBEANS
- PARADE

- SPRING
- SUNDAY



SCRAMBLED EGGS FOR EASTER

The Easter Bunny decorated some of his eggs with words, but when he delivered them, they got a little scrambled. Can you unscramble the words and find the answer to his favorite riddle?

1. NETOBN

4. YDNAC

2. DYAUSN

5. ULPIT

3. RFOLWE

6. TSABEK

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| 2. _ _ _ 3 4 _ _ _ 5 | 5. _ _ _ 9 _ _ _ _ |
| 3. _ _ _ 6 _ _ _ _ _ | 6. _ _ _ 10 11 _ _ _ _ |

What do you call a rabbit who tells good jokes?

- 11 6 3 2 7 8 10 9 1 4 5