

From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents,

As we step into a new month, I want to take a moment to address a topic that has weighed heavily on our community. By now, many of you will have read the news about the recent court case involving an admission officer from an ESF kindergarten and a group of parents who sought to secure priority admission through illicit payments. The sentences – ranging from eight to fourteen months of imprisonment – serve as a stark reminder of the serious consequences that arise when we lose sight of the values we strive to instil in our children.

The greed of the admission officer is inexcusable. But equally troubling is the willingness of parents to bypass ethical boundaries in the name of giving their child a perceived head start. As a learning centre dedicated to nurturing young minds, we believe in helping children build genuine skills: the ability to read with confidence, to express themselves clearly in English, and to approach admission interviews with authenticity and poise. These are the foundations that truly matter.

At the end of the day, we have always emphasised this simple truth: the finish line is far more important than the starting line. Gaining admission through illegal or dishonest means does not give a child a head start – it burdens them with a shadow they may not even understand. And as we have seen, such actions rarely remain hidden. When they come to light, the consequences are not only legal but deeply personal. The families involved are now facing immense suffering – and the impact on the children, whether directly or indirectly, will be lifelong.

We share this not to cast judgment, but to reaffirm what we believe in. We want every parent in our community to feel supported in upholding the value of fair competition. In a city where schooling can feel like a high-stakes race, it is easy to fixate on a single admission result. But a rejection or a setback is not a failure – it is a moment in a much longer journey.

Your child will thrive not because they enter a particular school, but because they are resilient, adaptable, and possess the grit to keep learning even when things don't go as planned. A prestigious school does not guarantee success. What guarantees success is raising a child who becomes an independent thinker and a confident, self-motivated learner – qualities that will carry them through every stage of life.

That is where we come in. Whether we are helping your child build their reading skills, articulate their thoughts, or walk into a room with self-assurance, our goal is always to equip them for the long run. We are here to partner with you – not to cut corners, but to build character, competence, and genuine confidence.

Let us continue to support one another in choosing the harder but far more rewarding path: one rooted in integrity, patience, and trust in our children's ability to grow.

If you ever have concerns or need guidance on navigating the admissions journey with honesty and calm, please know that we are always here to listen and help.

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

新月份伊始，我們想與家長們談一談近日一宗備受關注的案件。英基幼稚園的一名招生官因收受賄賂，協助家長以非法付款換取優先入學資格，涉案的家長被判監八至十四個月。

我們認為，招生官的貪婪固然不可取，但同樣令人痛心的是，部分家長為了讓孩子「贏在起跑線」，竟願意跨越道德底線。作為教育工作者，我們堅信，真正重要的不是透過不正當手段獲取學位，而是幫助孩子建立真實的能力 – 自信閱讀、清晰表達、真誠應對面試。這些才是孩子長遠成功的基石。

我們始終強調一個簡單的道理：終點線遠比起跑線重要。透過欺騙獲得的入學機會，不僅無法讓孩子真正領先，反而會給他們帶來看不見的陰影。當真相曝光，後果不僅是法律上的，更是深遠的家庭創傷，對孩子的影響可能持續一生。

我們分享這些，不是為了批判，而是重申我們的教育信念：公平競爭、誠信、耐心。在一個升學壓力巨大的城市裡，一次入學拒絕不等於失敗。孩子的成功不取決於進了哪所學校，而在於他們是否具備韌性、適應力與持續學習的毅力。

名校不等於成功。真正的成功，是培養出獨立思考、自信自主的孩子。E-Smart 的使命，正是陪伴家長走這條更艱難但更有價值的路 – 以誠信和信任，幫助孩子建立品格、能力與真正的自信。

如果您在升學路上需要指引或支持，我們隨時樂意聆聽與協助。

May is a very special month for me as it marks the month to celebrate Mother's Day in many parts of the world. Growing up in a Chinese family in the United States, the experience was very different for my sisters and me. I would compare my relationship with my mother to those of my white-American friends. I often wondered why my mother rarely shared how proud she was of us or that she loved us. However, she would go out of her way to make sure we had well-balanced meals each day, warm clothes to wear when the weather got cooler, and she would get very upset when we hurt ourselves while playing or doing sports at school. It was in her last conversation with me – almost four years ago – that she finally shared, "I am so proud of you. I love you very much, and I worry for you the most."

These words will forever stay in my heart.

This Mother's Day, please remember that each of our mommies celebrates their love for us very differently, and that love could be unspoken on many occasions. Do know that they do love us no matter what. Please give them a HUGE hug!!!

~ Ms Heidy

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WRITERS OF MAY:

Best Writer: Kelvin Leung (8A) – Life in Eternity

Others writers: Tony Chen (4B) A Cat and A Tiger; Jack Choi (2A) If I Am The King; Carson Chiu (6B) A Poem; Lisa Tou (2A) If I Am The Queen; Ling Yan Ho (6B) My Second Language and My Native Language

Life in Eternity – By Kelvin Leung (WTE8A)



Do you believe there will be a cure for all kinds of cancers in the future? I would say that I do; everything has a cure, including cancers.

Also, if a scientist accidentally discovered the secret of living in eternity, I would volunteer to participate in the experiment. It is because someone must be used for testing to improve the development of humanity, I want to do some meaningful things to make my life become more interesting.

Next, let's talk about the advantage. I will have infinite time to do anything. I don't need to be scared of time running out. I can put a large amount of time into one activity or skill. For example, I can learn chess for a thousand years. I can get experience in many things.

Then, let's talk about the disadvantages. Firstly, after a long time, the days will become more and more boring because I am repeating the same thing for a very long time. Secondly, because I will need to live so long, I might need to see the death of many friends and family members. The main disadvantage of life in eternity is I will get more and more bored.

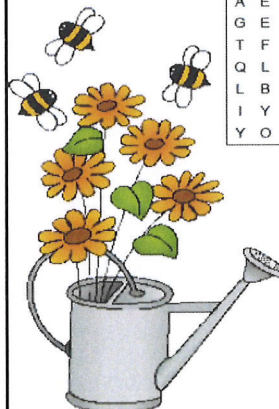
In conclusion, life in eternity might let me have a lot of time to do the thing I like, but after the repetition over a long time, I will also get bored. However, it will allow me to experience a new kind of life.

☆☆☆ Stars of the Month ☆☆☆

Au Nga Hei, Tracy	WTE6B Sat 3:00-4:00
Chan Pak Hei, Karl	WTE2A Fri 4:30-5:30
Cheng Chun Hei, Marcus	IEK10B Sat 11:00-12:00
Chi Shiu Lun, Kadel	WTE2B Sat 1:00-2:00
Choi Ho Chung, Ethan	WTE8B Sat 11:00-12:00
Choi Ho Lam, Jack	IEK4B Sat 9:00-10:00
Choi Ho Lam, Jack	WTE2A Sat 10:00-11:00
Chow Hiu Tung, Teresa	GWF9B Tue 5:30-6:30
Kwan Tsz Ching, Eleanor	IEK4A Sat 1:00-2:00
Li Sheung Wing, Bernice	WTE10A Thu 6:30-7:30
Ling Yan Ho	WTE6B Fri 4:30-5:30
Lo Herman	IEK2A Thu 5:30-6:30
Poon Tsz Mak, Wheatley	WTE2B Fri 5:30-6:30
Tou Ka Ying, Lisa	WTE2A Sat 12:00-1:00
Wen Pui Yuk, Kristy	IEK6B Sat 12:00-1:00
Wong Tsz Him, Perseus	WTE4A Thu 4:30-5:30
Xie Wen Xi, Jason	GWF4A Sat 9:00-10:00

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

BASEBALL
BLOSSOM
BUMBLEBEE
BUTTERFLY
CINCO DE MAYO
FLOWERS



MERRY MONTH OF MAY

Word Search

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GARDEN	MOTHER'S DAY
GEMINI	PIÑATA
GREEN	PLANT
LADYBUG	SEEDS
LAWN MOWER	SPRING
MAYPOLE	SUNSHINE
MEMORIAL DAY	TAURUS
MOM	TEACHER