

From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents,

At E-Smart, our mission extends far beyond the mechanics of grammar, vocabulary, and exam preparation. We believe that language is a tool for connection, and true literacy includes emotional intelligence, respect, and social responsibility. Every day, the world acts as a living classroom for our children, testing the values we instil in them both at home and at our learning centre.

Recently, during a crowded rush-hour commute, I witnessed an incident that stayed with me and highlights the critical intersection of parenting and character building.

The train was packed. In a beautiful display of kindness, a 70-year-old woman gave up her seat for an 86-year-old lady, and a gentleman immediately stood up for the 70-year-old. It was an inspiring lesson in respect for seniors. However, the atmosphere shifted when a father boarded with his two young daughters. The older sister, roughly ten years old, quickly claimed a vacant seat and fiercely refused to let her younger sister share it. When an elderly passenger gently encouraged her to be friendly and share, the girl responded with a hostile, angry glare and pushed her sister away.

Seeking to defuse the public tension, the father quietly carried the younger daughter, politely telling concerned onlookers he would "deal with it." No reproof was given to the older sister.

While a parent's instinct in a public setting is often to maintain peace and avoid conflict, a passive approach to behavioural boundaries can have profound, unintended repercussions on a child's psychological development:

For the Older Sibling: Silence is often mistaken for a validation of selfishness. When we do not correct an older child's hostility, we do not soothe their underlying anxieties; we compound them. By allowing her to monopolize a seat through aggression, she learns that she must look out only for herself, becoming increasingly self-centred and immune to gentle guidance. Furthermore, seeing her father carry the younger sister can ironically fuel her jealousy, as she views it as further proof of favouritism rather than a consequence of her own behaviour. This breeds deep-seated sibling resentment.

For the Younger Sibling: She learns that her rights to fairness will not be defended. While she feels her father's physical comfort, she learns a passive lesson: that she must yield to aggression and that her right to equal fairness will not be protected. This can inadvertently teach a child to accept unfair treatment from others as she grows up.

True education requires us to step into the discomfort of the moment. Just as we correct a child's English pronunciation in real-time so they do not form bad habits, we must firmly but lovingly correct their social behaviours.

As partners in your child's development, let us work together to raise children who do not look at the world with guarded, angry eyes. Let us teach them that a seat—and life's opportunities—are always richer when shared with empathy.

Warm regards,



Clive Chan

在我們的英語學習中心，我們的使命遠不止於教授語法、詞彙和應試技巧。我們深信，語言是溝通的橋樑，而真正的素養包含了情商、尊重與社會責任感。每一天，這個世界都是孩子們的流動教室，考驗著我們在家庭和中心傳授給他們的價值觀。

最近在一次擁擠的上下班繁忙時間，我目睹了一幕讓我深思的景象，這正正凸顯了家庭教育與品格培養之間不可分割的關係。

當時車廂內十分擠擁。一位 70 歲的女士主動讓座給一位 86 歲的老太太，而我身旁的紳士也立刻站起來，把座位讓給了那位 70 歲的女士。這是一堂關於尊重長者的生動課程。然而，當一位父親帶著兩個年幼的女兒上車時，氣氛卻完全變了。大女兒（大約十歲）迅速佔據了一個空位，並強烈拒絕與妹妹共享。當一位年長乘客溫和地勸她要友善並懂得分享時，女孩竟報以敵意而憤怒的目光，並伸手把妹妹推開。

為了平息公眾場合的尷尬氣氛，這位父親默默地抱起小女兒，並禮貌地對旁人表示自己會「處理」。整個過程，大女兒沒有受到半句責備。

雖然家長在公眾場合的本能往往是維持和平、避免衝突，但對孩子的行為界線採取被動態度，會對孩子的心理發展帶來深遠而意想不到的負面影響：

對年長的孩子而言：沉默往往會被誤解為對自私行為的認可。當我們不糾正大孩子的敵意時，我們並沒有撫平他們內心的不安，反而加劇了問題。當她獲准透過侵略性行為獨佔座位時，她學會了只需顧及自己，變得越來越自我中心，並抗拒溫和的引導。此外，看到父親抱起妹妹，反過來更會引發她的嫉妒心，因為她會將此視為偏心的證據，而非自己行為產生的後果，從而種下深層的兄弟姊妹怨恨。

對年幼的孩子而言：她會學到自己的公平權利是不會受到保護的。雖然她感受到了父親肉體上的安撫，卻學到了一個消極的教訓：她必須向侵略性的行為妥協，而且她的權利不會得到捍衛。這會無形中教導孩子在成長過程中接受別人的不公平對待。

真正的教育需要我們勇於面對當下的不適感。正如我們會在課堂上即時糾正孩子的英語發音以防形成壞習慣一樣，我們也必須堅定而慈愛地糾正他們的社交行為。

作為您孩子成長路上的夥伴，讓我們攜手合作，培養出不會以防備和憤怒目光看待世界的孩子。讓我們教導他們：無論是一個座位，還是人生中的種種機遇，當學會以同理心去分享時，過程總是更加豐盛。

Students' Page September 2026

Traditional Chinese "立秋" (Beginning of Autumn) marks the beginning of autumn, which fell on 7th August 2026. I was amazed to learn about 立秋 a few years ago and look forward to it, as the weather turns a little drier with less humidity. This year, with El Niño, the weather isn't that predictable!

To me, September is the Mid-Autumn Festival month – a time to enjoy viewing the moon and lanterns all over Hong Kong and eating delicious mooncakes. Yum!

The Hong Kong Post Office has issued a special "24 Solar Terms – Autumn" stamp collection: a set of six stamps with this theme, showing scenes of the solar periods.

Lastly, it's the start of the new school year. Wishing you all a very fruitful year, especially to the students transferring from P6 to S1. As always, I wish you all great happiness.

~ Ms Lavina



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WRITERS OF SEPTEMBER:

Best Writer: Tony Chen (4A) – If I Were A Fairy Penguin

Others writers: Ethan Chan (4B) Lightning; Lau Tsz Fung (6A) The Panda; Carson Chiu (6A) The Northern Unicorn; Hazel Poon (4B) – Lightning; Daniel Yeung (6A) – A Chinese White Dolphin's Day

If I Were A Fairy Penguin – By Tony Chen (4A)

If I were a Fairy Penguin, I would choose to live in the wild of southern coast of Australia. I prefer the wild to captivity because I enjoy freedom. I think my life would be a wonderful "dance"; I would spend my days diving into the ocean to hunt for food and return home at dusk.

To hide from predators, I would use my blue-black fur which blends in with the deep blue sea when they are looking from above. The thing that makes us special is that we are the smallest penguins in the world, with indigo feathers on our backs.

I felt wonderful pleasure because I am a small penguin, and I don't wish to be a big animal because my small size lets me be agile in the water and move easily among rocks.

Being the smallest doesn't mean being weak; it means we are unique.

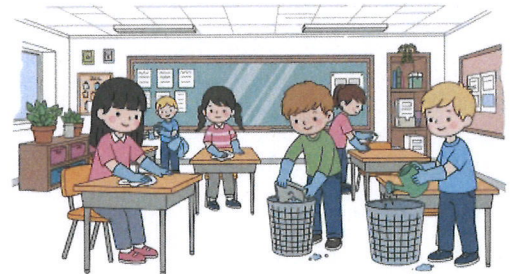


DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

CABOOSE
CALENDAR HELPER
DATE CHANGER
DESK INSPECTOR
DOOR HOLDER
ESCORT
FLAG HOLDER
GARDENER
HALL MONITOR
HELPING HANDS
HOMEWORK CHECKER
LIBRARY HELPER
LIGHT SWITCHER
LINE LEADER
LUNCH HELPER
MESSENGER
METEOROLOGIST
PAPER PASSER
PENCIL SHARPENER
PET KEEPER
RECESS HELPER
RECYCLING
SUPPLY MONITOR
SWEEPER
TABLE CAPTAIN
TIMEKEEPER
TRASH MONITOR

CLASSROOM JOBS

Word Search



☆☆☆ Stars of the Month ☆☆☆

Au Chloe	WTE4B Fri 4:30-5:30
Cheng Chun Hei, Marcus	IEK10A Sat 11:00-12:00
Choi Ho Lam, Jack	IEK4A Sat 9:00-10:00
Chow Tsz On, Holie	1on1-P5 IEK2A+PTWP1 Sat 4:00-5:00
Fan Pak Yuen, Daniel	WTE4B Sat 10:00-11:00
Kong Tsz Yu, Sophia	IEK6A Sat 12:00-1:00
Kwong Ching Yau, Hillary	WTE8B Sat 3:00-4:00
Kwong Ho Ying, Hayley	GWFF9B Sat 2:00-3:00
Lam Pak Yin, Lester	IEK6B Sat 1:00-2:00
Lui Hong Lam, Caitlyn	WTE8B Sat 10:00-11:00
Lui Hong Yu, Alexandra	WTE4A Fri 6:30-7:30
Tan Cheuk Yu, Katie	PTWP2 Sat 3:00-4:00
Tou Ka Ying, Lisa	WTE4B Sat 12:00-1:00

