



## A Day to Remember for Many – Our Annual Speech Day

*Cheung Ka Chun, Franklin (SB)*



On the sixth of November, our school held one of the most paramount days of the year — the Speech Day.

Students from KCKC, including graduates from last year, were delighted to take part in it. We were honoured with the presence of our esteemed guest, Dr Jessica Li, Assistant of the City University of Hong Kong, to officiate at the ceremony. To showcase their great morale, students proudly sang our school song. After spectacular speeches were given by our guests, and the administrative school report delivered by Principle Leung, it was the moment for graduates to gloriously receive certificates presented by our guests.



**A Time of Recognition and Reassurance**



After that, our students also had the opportunity to stand on the stage like our graduates. Students, who had behaved well or had made achievements in aspects like sports or academic work and had been serving as prefects or members of school organizations like the Student Union, could win respectable scholarships. Every student received their certificates of merit with exquisite joy. Of course, certificates of merit were issued not only to students, but also to teachers who had been teaching for at least 10 years—Mr Tse King Tong earned the certificate of merit for teaching for 30 years in this school.

One of the graduates, on behalf of the others, gave a speech, wishing his fellow graduates a smooth future and expressing appreciation to the school for its nurturing and support. Progressing to nearly the end, the ceremony continued to the highlight of Chinese poetry recitation, which attracted students' attention consistently. Performers from Form 6 took us to a Journey to the West. The words that were uttered were so powerful and intriguing to the extent that many students were whispering and discussing the performance. Another recitation was "The Moth Flies into the Flame". Every student seemed to have watched the moths blindly rushing to the flame.

Finally, a musical drama, which had been prepared since September, became the fascinating part of the ceremony. In the performance, our students showed their superb acting techniques and coordination. What a special night to remember!



**Student representatives for the Graduation Speech (Lei Ho Fung, left and Wong Yee Yan, right)**



**Musical Rehearsal**





*Professor ..., Chairman of the Association, Mr Fan, our school Supervisor, Directors of the Association, distinguished guests, Dr Leung, our Principal, teachers and fellow schoolmates,*

It is my great honor on behalf of my fellow graduates to give this speech before all of you. The days we began here seem like yesterday.

The schoolmates here are positive and energetic. Every day we enjoyed our time together. We helped and encouraged one another to overcome difficulties we came across in our studies. We now still hang out and have fun together like before. I have started to believe that our friendship will last forever. We would like to thank our school for providing us with a warm atmosphere for learning and for making it possible to develop lifelong relationships.

Our school has given us various opportunities to explore our interests and talents. Apart from the daily lessons that taught us knowledge and

ethics, our obligations allowed us opportunities to be trained for leadership, our commitment in extra-curricular activities helped us develop organization skills, and these activities enabled us to explore our talents. Our teachers taught us, loved us, stood by us and took care of us, and they still do even after we have graduated. Whether we achieved academic excellence or not, they never gave up their enthusiasm in teaching. Just by saying 'thank you' is never enough to deliver our appreciation.

Congratulations to some of us who have luckily got into universities and are aiming to pursue qualifications for a better career. Some may work around the clock to earn more for a stable future. However, life should never be a checklist of achievements or we will never be satisfied. Life is made up of experiences and knowledge which money can't buy and is worth more than any degrees or professional qualifications. The graduation certificates we are getting today are the remarkable symbol of our 6 years'

effort, we will never forget what we learnt and encountered here in our mother school, Kiangsu – Chekiang College (Kwai Chung).

Here I would like to end by quoting the lyrics of a song titled 'The Wind Beneath My Wings' sung by Bette Midler: "I could fly higher than an eagle, 'cause you are the wind beneath my wings. You let me fly so high I almost touch the sky."

Thank you, KCCCK, you are the wind beneath our wings and you would let us fly high.



## Our Annual Singing Contest

So Yin Lam, Katarina (5C)

It's that time of year again. December has come and with it, all the joys of Christmas. And of course this is the last day of school before the holidays. You definitely can't miss the bustling annual singing contest.

Every student put up their smiley faces on the stage. Lyrics were sung out with their sweet voices. Some classes did a really good job, and some tried their best but ended up with a standard result. What we can see is that choosing the right song is playing a significant role on the way to winning.

"Living in the moment, living our life." What a brief but meaningful line. As we all know, Christmas brings positive messages, spreading love and joy all over the world: "Because I'm happy. Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth." It is a blessing and reminder for all of you to have a wonderful holiday and new year. Thanks to class 5C and 1D for delivering these words through their songs.

However, there are some song choices which were not really appropriate on such a joyful day. Like, "Last Christmas I gave you my heart. But the very next day, you gave it away." The title of the song indicates that it is without doubt a Christmas song. But is it suitable for the occasion? I don't think so. This is about someone feeling broken-hearted in a romantic relationship. I don't think this is a suitable choice for students in the lower forms. I doubt very much if they know the meaning of the song. Therefore, try to understand the lyrics before choosing the right song for the Christmas singing contest if you want to make your practice more worthwhile.

Near the end of the contest, all the teachers went onstage to perform a few songs. Our principal, joined by the two vice principals, stood in the middle. They were singing Christmas carols and a song particularly for Ms Fan Ming Lei, who will be retiring soon this year. We seldom see teachers being so emotional when they said goodbye to Ms Fan. It was really a moment of love and joy and a time filled up with friendship and appreciation.







# Mr Freeman Lau

## a Local Guru Designer with a Vision and a Mission *Yan, Miyuki*



Mr. Freeman Lau is a renowned local designer whose works received a myriad of awards. His passion in Art and the message behind each and every one of his works is so enriching and so unique. Having Mr. Lau guide us through his journey of success in his exhibition, 'Freeman Lau and Design: Inter-dependent Decisions,' was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. On 10th January, we were among the many visitors there in his exhibition at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum in Sha Tin. His image as a respectable famous designer was at times mingled with his other roles as a caring father and a loving husband, through the way he presented his works to us with sincere and humorous remarks that sparkled warmth and laughter throughout our tour.

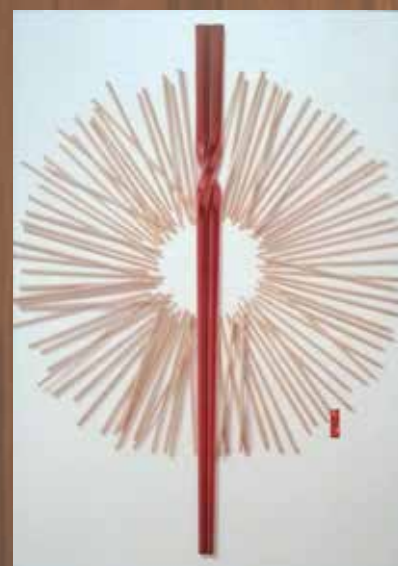


We were amazed not only by the beauty of his works, but also the messages they convey as we toured around the exhibition hall. The way they were grouped under a theme made so much more sense to us. Of course we need to admit that without Mr. Lau's detailed description, we would not have got such an in-depth interpretation.

This is a symposium of the most significant comments from experts of the field on 'what determines design.' Some of them are philosophical and profound but those that we understood are so enlightening. And from Mr. Lau's explanation, we learnt that the ultimate goal for the creation of an Art form can be related to various elements. To name a few, the designer's cultural background, his identity in relation to society he lives in, and the list goes on from personal to impersonal reasons such as strategy to boost sales for a commercial product.

Mr. Lau's creations impressed us most with the functional use of his designs shown in, for example, Watson's bottled water. The cap of the bottle actually serves as a cup and the shape is for an easy and comfortable grip. Other designs such as the use of chairs interlocked in different ways express the merging of beautiful and traditional materials with innovative presentation of lines and shapes in order to express a message, for example, our relationship with the Mainland, or how an individual adjusts to social and political changes. With such missions, his chairs are sturdy and comfortable to be utilized, turning an ordinary piece of furniture into an art form and vice versa.

Ingredients such as wood and bamboos are Mr. Lau's favorites for their unique textures, and something he enjoys exploring and building on. From his attitude we got an insight and that is we should not omit the importance of raw ingredients. If you like painting, maybe you should start digging out facts about the different kinds of paint such as the difference between oil paint and acrylic. If you like cooking, maybe you want to find out more about honey or cheese, or spices in India. There is so much more than just the end products to focus on and that makes a lot more fun. Our visit to Mr. Lau's exhibition has been one of those experiences that open our eyes and mind. We hope you can go there and find out yourself!



Visitors' attention drawn to Mr Lau's charismatic presentation

Exhibition opens till 30/5/2016 at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum in Shatin



Our guest reporters thrilled to meet Mr Lau in person





# Research on How to Write a Personal Statement

## Message from the Chief Editor



Some of the upper form students may want to know how to write up a good personal statement for Jupas requirement and some may prefer to write it in English. What you are about to read may be helpful. However, whether it be in English or Chinese does not actually make that much of a difference provided that you obtain a good result in the HKDSE. But then again, it doesn't hurt to know the basic scaffolding and some of the registers of this text type, for there is a high chance that you are required to write something like this for university applications overseas. What follows is a personal statement for someone interested in the Faculty of Media and Communications.

*(Note #1: The first paragraph can be your insight or anything you know about the subject you want to apply for and why you are applying. It should be well written and therefore you should spend some time doing some short research beforehand; otherwise it won't be impressive enough.)*

With the fast speed made possible by the Internet world, the media has become so powerful and effective that what happens somewhere arouses immediate response from places thousands of miles away. Our interaction with others has become boundless, neither restricted by time nor space. This freedom enables us to reach the world right at our desk and communication takes place within seconds. Such a human invention to me is the greatest among all others, for the fact that our message travels at a speed no one could ever have imagined, and exchange of information takes place in split seconds. That's what amazes me: to engage myself in this field, whether for academic pursuit or for career advancement.

*(Note #2: The second paragraph should be about why you are the right candidate; the points below can be one paragraph each, or all put in one or two paragraphs, or in point form but each further*

*explained in complete sentences. Also note that these points may vary depending on the faculty you are applying to).*

I am an appropriate applicant for a place in the Faculty of Media and Communications at your University for the following reasons:

- language ability:
- creativity and originality:
- \_\_\_\_\_ ability/potential/talent in... enable me to...
- \_\_\_\_\_ experience as a... made me realize that... (this would be feedback on what you have done and feedback is important because it shows how much you have learnt and how you will keep learning)

*(Note #3: The third paragraph shows your determination, your strong interest, etc., in the subject you choose, for further studies, or for future advancement).*

The years I spent... and the time I was engaged in... have also made me a more dynamic person (who is) able to see things from various perspectives. ... I am aware of what I want and therefore will go all the way for it.

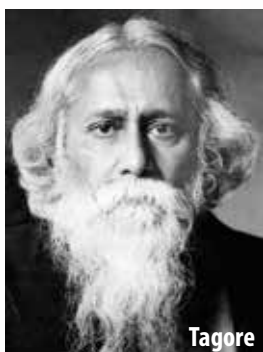
*(Note #4: The above is a suggested framework. Remember your personal statement has to be unique. If any phrases or sentences are shared among some of your writings, you will be suspected of plagiarism and that could be the worst scenario. You are advised to grab the main idea of what to write, its basic structure, the type of language or register, etc., and after that, write your own without referring to this again until you finish writing. This would ensure you won't use the same wordings. Isolated words or certain phrases can be used but not in chunks to avoid suspicion of plagiarism.)*



## A Teacher's Choice

### Chief Editor

We have planned to invite a teacher each time in our issues this year to select a song or a poem for our newspaper. We have invited Ms. Lo this time, to show us what she wants to share with us. She chose a poem titled 'The Judge' by Rabindranath Tagore, whose works have been translated in many languages. He has been a leading figure in the world of poems for many decades and his name will last for centuries. Famous writers at the turn of the century such as Zheng Zhenduo and Bingxin in China translated his masterpieces and we can see the 'weight' in his works.



Tagore

### The Judge Rabindranath Tagore

Say of him what you please, but I know my child's failings.  
I do not love him because he is good, but because he is my little child.  
How should you know how dear he can be when you try to weigh his merits against his faults?  
When I must punish him he becomes all the more a part of my being.  
When I cause his tears to come my heart weeps with him.  
I alone have a right to blame and punish, for he only may chastise who loves.

### 審判官 泰戈爾

你想說他甚麼儘管說吧，但是我知道我孩子的錯處。  
我愛他並不因為他好，只是因為他是我的孩子。  
你如果把他的好處與壞處兩兩相權一下，恐怕你就會知道他是如何的可愛吧？  
當我必須責罰他的時候，他更要成了我身的一部份了。  
當我使他眼淚流出時，我的心也和他同哭了。  
只有我才有權去罵他，去責罰他，因為只有愛人的才能懲戒人。

translated by Zheng Zhenduo





## The Mentor around Us Cecillia Lee (5B)

## Words of Wisdom

"A sentence may not change the world, but words can change a person, and this person might be the one who changes the world."

Lately there have been posters of some profound sentences illustrated with pretty pictures around the entire school. What do you think of those sentences? Do you think they can inspire your thinking or enlighten you with a positive attitude? You may not have focused on the meaning of these sentences at first sight, even if you did you might not have analyzed them in depth.

"To carefully observe the tiny things around you is a secret of success in all aspects of life." Have you noticed that there are at least three to four posters of English that teach us valuable sets of values, grammar and idioms? They are not huge posters but they are everywhere in the classroom and in the corridors. Which one of them has aroused your interest? Which one can deeply impress you and spring out from you an industrious attitude? In the long run, you may learn more vocabulary, and improve your writing and grammar. For example,



you can use them in your writing as ornaments. They can even form part of your morale. They exist as if they were your silent teachers.

For example, "The star can't shine without darkness" teaches students not to be afraid to undergo difficulties. Whatever hardship you face, don't give up because once you conquer it you can shine brighter than you have ever imagined. What I found most appropriate is an illustration for the

quote, "Take time to be thankful for everything that you have. You can always have more, but you could also have less." There is a silhouette of a father carrying a child on his shoulders where the father has his neck stretched as far as he could reach to the back, towards his son, who is sitting on his shoulders, and the son leaning downward to where his father is. They are like a unity and they value each other so much that all they see is nothing but appreciation of what they have – they have each other.

These words of wisdom also include, "I never dreamed about success. I worked for it" by Estee Lauder and "Most of the problems in life are because of two reasons: We act without thinking or we keep thinking without acting," or "The only thing achieved in life without effort is failure," by anonymous writers. I found them stimulating and insightful. Below are some more. Enjoy!



In brief, these quotations found in our school are very useful. They act as a reminder for positive attitudes and good moral standards. They can even shape our way of thinking and behavior in a subtle way. Pick one that impresses you most and do some reflection on it. You will know what I mean.

## Wind Beneath My Wings Wong Wing Ching, Patricia (6B)

**"I could fly higher than an eagle, you are the wind beneath my wings."**

Do you have any feelings towards these beautiful lyrics? Our graduate representative mentioned these lines in his speech in the 2015 Graduation Ceremony. The lyrics were quoted from an old song titled Wind Beneath My Wings.

**Wind Beneath My Wings is written by 2 composers in 80s. This song has been recorded by many artists, but a US singer Bette Midler makes the highest charting version of this song. Wind Beneath My Wings was the theme song of "Beaches" starring Bette Midler. This song not only obtained various awards then, it also became one of the most classic songs in the West.**

A feather cannot fly or float in the sky without the motivation of the wind, just as we can't grow up and achieve accomplishments unaccompanied by our parents and teachers. Nonetheless, many people take what our family or friends have done for us for granted. Some may even think that those people around them are a barrier to their success. I must admit that I had the same thought like those who don't have a grateful heart. Yet, Wind Beneath My Wings made me contemplate this.

Our achievements not only come from our own efforts, but also the contributions from people around us. Now, close your eyes and recall your memories. Do you remember who taught life-skills to you when you were a kid? Who encouraged you when you're hunched in dolor or confronted with hurdles? People are always there for you, so that you can have outstanding performance. We should sincerely thank them for what they have done for us.

This song is most touching in the following: "It must have been cold there in my shadow, to never have sunlight on your face, you were content to let me shine, that's your way, you always walked a step behind." This is the ultimate sacrifice of the person behind the scenes for he or she is so willing to give all their best silently with not a sigh of regrets.

So, do you have someone whose huge support you appreciate? Let's share this song with the ones who have been the wind beneath our wings, and show our gratitude to them.



## An Interview with Ms Chow Kit Sum

Olivia Mak (5B) Karen Fung (5B)



*Do you think you're a good person? There are many ways to dedicate your kindness to others and show your generosity. The most common one is by doing volunteer work. How much do you know about it? We were honored to have Miss Chow, who is responsible for promoting volunteer work in our school, to talk about 'Good Deeds'. Our reporters Olivia Mak and Karen Fung have interviewed her earlier.*

**C:** Miss Chow **O:** Olivia Mak **K:** Karen Fung

**K:** Well, Miss Chow. We are so glad that you're available to meet us. I think promoting volunteer work is meaningful. May I ask you to use a word to describe volunteer work?

**C:** Sure. There are actually two words that I can think of. The first one is 'hardship'. I believe most of us see volunteer work as donating time and I can't argue about it. Volunteer work sometimes is no different from a 'job not paid' if we put into consideration that volunteers might need to work hard for hours. Physical work like transporting things or decorating stalls could be required, not to mention that sometimes we need to pay visit to the elders for over eight hours. So the word 'hardship' can concisely and precisely describe it. Another word is 'happiness'. The duty of the volunteers is to share love and give warmth. I think we all have heard of that saying, 'Giving is receiving'. That's why dedicating our time to the people in need brings us joy and happiness. What's more, we feel more connected to society and satisfied.

**K:** I couldn't agree more on this. Do you like promoting these activities?

**C:** Absolutely! It means quite a lot to me. At the beginning, there were not many voluntary activities. So students were so interested in those events. In order to raise their awareness, I collected more and more information on the Net. That's one reason why we have so many events today. At least it appeals to students now. I find a lot of students are keen on passing happiness to people. Some join it because of peer influence.

**O:** Sounds like you love your job! After joining those activities, what feedback do students usually give? What do you think they learn from it?

**C:** I think the most common feedback that I receive is that they can communicate with people of different ages. As they spend most of their time at school, they don't really have much time to meet people outside. Working as a volunteer involves facing different people; for instance, the disabled and the disadvantaged children with whom they learn to be careful when talking. Students not only learn to listen and communicate with people of different ages, they can also learn from their experiences. I can really see that they act more maturely after that. They become more sophisticated too.

**O:** Indeed, we learn a lot from it. As you mentioned, students change quite a lot after. Can you share with us who has the most obvious changes? Or is there anything special you may want to tell us?

**C:** Well, they may not have 'big changes'. However, I can see that they show their other side which is not how they behave at school. Some students might not be good at studies, but when it comes to volunteer work, they are really passionate about it. People from other organizations also praise our students. They behave well. A student who has left school now has a really special experience. He was once an introvert. Invited by his friends, he once went flag selling. At the very beginning, he found it hard to ask around as it required courage. After a while, he became more willing to talk. The heavier the flag bag was, the more satisfied he felt. Gradually, he has turned into an extrovert. This experience of his is vividly imprinted in my mind.

**O:** I have some schoolmates who share similar experiences. Can you tell us the most memorable experience?

**C:** I think it's a visit to the elderly home that I've had recently. I ask for students' reviews every time. You know, visiting the elders gives you an avalanche of fun stories. Still, the most memorable thing I have is something said by a student. In the beginning, he said he had had no idea about what to say in that 20 minute phase because he thought it was way too long. After that, he told me that 20 minutes was never enough as he had a lot to say. He also mentioned that he wanted to talk to his grandmother right after the event, that he didn't want his grandmother to feel lonely. Sometimes volunteer work reminds them of their family too.

**O:** That seems to be a very typical outcome. I think that's all! Again, thank you so much for giving us a chance to interview you!

### A Country Full of Hope Fan Yee Ki (2D)

One day in December, I was on my way home from school. Many people were gathering under a bridge. As I curiously watched what was going on, I saw a shocking scene. An elderly person was holding a very young child. Her clothes were rugged, with a small quilt around her body. She had no legs! In front of them there was a piece of paper describing what had happened to her.

After I read it, I knew their family had a car accident, causing her to lose her legs. The child's parents have never come back since the accident. Now the child can only rely on her granny. Onlookers were very sympathetic and started giving them food and even clothes. I was moved by what I saw because many people were so kind-hearted and willing to help. I always hear a phrase called 'Lei Feng Spirit'. This can be a good example. More 'good people good deeds' around us means our country is getting better.

### A Hero with No Name Lam Hei Tung, Wendy (2D)

Nowadays, different people hold different views about whether or not one should expect a reward when doing a good deed. Some people think a good deed should be given a certain reward. They say it is agreeable with the rule of fairness. Also, rewards can stimulate people's enthusiasm to do good deeds.

However, there are many others who take 'Leifeng' as a good model and are always ready to help others without expecting any reward. Everyone may be in trouble. Only if you help others unselfishly can you get others' help when you need it. Besides, they maintain that one can enjoy happiness in doing good deeds. They think that this is the best reward.

I have seen news about helping people before. It was one morning in May. Irene paid a visit to her friends. On her way she found a crowd of onlookers so she went over to take a close look. She saw a woman lying on the road. The woman seemed to have been hurt by a vehicle



that stopped beside her. She told the driver to come down to help right away and sent her to hospital. Then she paid the registration expenses and contacted her family. After a while, the woman's husband got to the hospital. When Irene saw him walking towards his wife to comfort her, she left. She told me she would feel embarrassed if he went to say 'thank you' to her.

I think this is a warm story. It tells us that if you help others, you don't say 'Yes, it was me,' because people will thank you deep down in their hearts. And who has given a helping hand is not really that important. The most important thing is to render help whenever we can.

### **A Little Kindness Adds up to Change the World**

**Tong Yuk Wai (2D)**

Lots of people in the world think that good deeds are too trivial to mention, but these meaningful things change people's lives or create a positive one. If everyone does good things and influences others, the world will be peaceful and everyone can have a nice smile on their face.

A long time ago, I burst into tears because of something like this. Until now, I still remember how this happened. When I was a primary student, something started to change my life. When I was in primary six, I paid a visit to the homeless. At first I thought they were dirty and smelt bad. After this visit, I knew that each of them had their own story.

I felt sorry and touched by one of their stories. One of the homeless people said, 'No one has visited me, you are the first one ever! My life is poor and hopeless. I experienced business failure and I am always lonely. My mental problems are getting worse. Thank you for your care! I hope you can give more people care and love.' This was so touching.

What he said has stayed in my heart. When I feel desperate, this reminds me to be strong. If everyone contributes a little, the world will be more beautiful.

### **A Strange Old Man** **Lim Man Yee (2D)**

The old man is 84 years old. He always smiles and is very kind. We can always see him on the road. He is doing something whenever I see him every day. He looks very busy. I cannot help him, but I worry about him. One day I saw him again. He was carrying a bucket and a shovel. He took his stools out and started shoving off all the advertisements on the walls!

### **Kindness Shown at Time of Crisis** **Chan Tsz Yi, Mandy (2D)**

Many of us do many good deeds in our lives. Some are easy to do but some are hard to do. Therefore I think recent big news is such a good example.

The Terrorist Attacks in Paris are one of the biggest news events from 2015. In these attacks, the French were so united. The most profound thing is that some of the visitors from other countries were lost in Paris and celebrities and common people were inviting them to stay in their homes. They announced their addresses on social networking sites and when people in need saw them, they went to their homes.

I also hope that the French will be safe and this terrible incident will never happen again in any country anymore. Also I think the French are so nice and so united.

### **One Hundred Dollars** **Tsoi Yu Ching (3C)**

It is important to show love, appreciation, and kindness to people because you can make a difference in someone's life.

One night in winter, a poor man and his child were standing on the street. It was snowing and cold. The child was shaking, so his father held him in his arms, but it didn't help. They looked so poor and helpless, but it seemed no one wanted to help them.

After a while, a man who looked rich was walking down the street. The poor man looked at his cold, hungry child, and he decided to ask the rich man for help. The poor man stopped and asked the rich man: "Can you give me some money? My child has not eaten food all day, I want to buy him a piece of bread, please!" But the rich man ignored them and walked away.

The poor man felt very sad but he did not have a choice. He asked for some other people's help, but they just walked away and some of them said some bad words to him. The poor man felt despair now, a cold, sharp despair. He couldn't understand why the people didn't help him or help his child.

But then, a girl walked towards him. The girl gave him \$100 dollars. She smiled at him and walked away. The man was very impressed and he felt warm and happy. Now, the man had money to buy some food for his child and maybe a coat.

The girl's \$100 dollars made the man and his child feel happy. It gave them hope and warmth.

Two years later, the poor man already found a job and became a rich person. The poor man now always helps people who need help and teaches his child the importance of helping others.

See, the girl's \$100 dollars changed two people's lives and now the two people are changing more people's lives. Isn't that wonderful?

### **To Adopt a Pet and Give it a Home** **Tsang Ching (2D)**

My friend is a dog lover. She wanted to buy a dog a long time ago. Now, she has a lovely dog.

Last week, she went to the SPCA to adopt a puppy. There are many dogs abandoned each year. Many people buy pets on impulse. They never think of their ability to take care of these helpless animals. When people do not like their pets, they leave them on the street. Many people have been convinced to adopt pets rather than buy one and some volunteer to save sick pets. I think my friend is one of these good-hearted people. She takes good care of her dog.

Buying dogs encourages dog breeders to let dogs give birth to more dogs for profits, and this adds burden to the already huge dog population. So to adopt a dog is much better and more meaningful than to buy one.

### **I Can Change Your Life** **Cheung Yin Ho, Peter (3C)**

Last year, there was a new classmate called Jack who came to my school. He looked like he was very poor. At recess, nobody played with him. He was always alone in the class room.

In the exam, he got the lowest mark in the class. He looked very upset. In addition, some classmates laughed at him. However, he just ran away.

One day in the afternoon, the teacher told him to put some boxes in the class. Jack carried one and went to the class at once. The box looked very heavy! I went to help him carry another one. Finally, we put the two boxes in the class successfully and he gave me a knowing wink.

In my opinion, I thought that we are good friends since that time. Before the 2nd exam, we studied in the school library, and we exchanged ideas. At 7pm, I said I needed to go home. He insisted that he still needed to do his studying. His never-give-up spirit gave me lots of power so I stayed there to study until we left together.

Finally, he got a good result that year. He was thankful for me. He said, 'If you didn't help me recently, I could not have got this result. Thank you!' My eyes welled up with tears immediately. Our friendship was better than in the past.

It was then that I became sympathetic to the pain of others. Helping people is a good deed which may change someone's life.

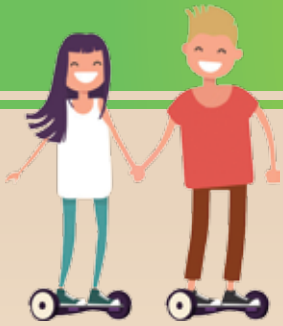
### **An Easy Job!** **Choi Kam Kit, Carrie (3C)**

You don't know how to make a difference simply by taking time to show love, appreciation, and kindness to people around us? Okay! I will tell you how to do it and give you some examples.

Every day, my parents prepare breakfast for me before they go to work and prepare dinner after they come back home, but as you know, they feel exhausted after they finish all the work in a day. I thought that it was my duty to make them feel warm and happy, so I woke up very early one day, earlier than the sun, because I wanted to cook breakfast for my parents and show them my appreciation. After they woke up, they were astonished when they saw me put the omelets on the plate. 'Good morning! Let's enjoy the special breakfast. I know you work very hard to take care of me and work every day, so I decided to cook this special breakfast for you,' I said. Then, my parents smiled and said, 'Thank you very much! You are a good kid.' We had a fantastic breakfast that day! It was a wonderful day!

You can do some different things like that to thank the people who always take care of you, such as your parents, or your teachers. You will have a wonderful feeling if you do something small for someone else. It's very easy to do, isn't it?





In the past several months, you might have seen people riding a 2 wheel hover board or self-balancing electric scooter around. There are a few names for it, but it doesn't matter. What is more important is that it is fun to ride on. It takes a while

to master the maneuvering without falling, though I have heard it is easy for some people; definitely not for me.

Many of you are probably curious as to how this cool gadget stabilizes itself as we step on it. Here's the answer: A tilt sensor right next to the wheel sends a signal to the gyroscope depending on how far we are leaning forward. The gyroscopes relay this information to the logic board. A logic board is a component that processes everything that goes on inside and outside of the board such as receiving signals, and controlling the speed of the scooter. The logic board receives information from the sensors which detect

our movements. Then, the logic board sends a signal to the electric motors which are mounted right next to the wheels, ultimately causing the wheels to turn.

After knowing how it works, how could you resist the temptation not to get one for yourself to try? However, this electric scooter is a luxurious item. The price ranges from \$1000 to \$4000 RMB. The self-balancing electric scooter could be found on various online shopping websites. Customers need to be cautious about how trustworthy the seller is. Anyhow, the electric scooter serves no particular purposes. As a matter of fact, it was created based on the Segway that some police use in many countries for many reasons such as better visibility, mobility, and maneuverability.

Last but not least, I do have to admit that it is very convenient and enjoyable to ride on one despite its expensive tag. I hope you now have a better idea of what a self-balancing electric scooter is when your friend asks you about it!

## An Apology Made Public

Yu Wang Yan (5C), Tsang Pui Yi (5C)

It is not uncommon to hear an apology. Recently, six students apologized to their teacher for breaking their promise of quitting computer games until the end of the DSE. The way they apologized was outrageous and they even uploaded a video on a website. In the video, they knelt down to get their teacher's forgiveness. We would like to present our views on their choice of making such a scene on the Internet.

Whether you have ever done something wrong or not, I believe you will find it hard to confess your wrongdoing and it is unthinkable to admit it to the public. The reason why we refuse to admit our own faults may be due to our defense mechanism and we care about how others see us. However, these six students realized that they should do something to make up for a mistake they are held responsible for, and their courage is appreciated.

However, was such an extreme apology an appropriate way to express their regrets? The consequences of their act were quite the opposite. Not only did their teacher feel embarrassed, but the reputation of their school was affected. The issue further lead to a hot debate among net users. Not getting the whole picture of this incident, net users and parents accused the teacher of causing such a harsh and unreasonable punishment. The teacher may have tried all sorts of ways to make them study hard. Although the teacher managed to clarify later, the fact that she had been disturbed is undisputed.

Actions are better than words. If I were one of the six students, I would strive for good results in the exam. For the sake of a bright future or a good prospect and their teacher's high expectations of them, these students should study harder and not let their teacher down. Instead they chose a way that brought harm to the teacher and no one benefitted from it. At this age with super-efficient means of communication, maybe we should really think twice about what we do and how we react to situations because once that 'send' button is pressed, no one can undo it.



## A Flash of News

### Ambassador School Program by CityU Apps Lab

Our school has joined the Ambassador School Program organized by the City U Apps Lab and our partner school is the TWGHs Ko Ho Ning Memorial Primary School. Through the coordination of the Apps Lab, coding workshops will be held to arouse students' interest in information technology. Its kickoff ceremony was held on 8th January, 2016.



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