

### From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear parents,

Happy Chinese New Year! This is a very special Chinese New Year for me as I have written spring couplets for family and friends for the first time. Having learned Chinese calligraphy for just a bit over 6 months, it has been a challenging yet rewarding experience for me.

Chinese calligraphy is an incredibly inspirational and mindful activity. I can sit and practice a variety of strokes for hours on end, beholding the exquisite sample scripts written by renowned calligraphers while paying attention to my breath when doing the strokes lest they should get slanted or misaligned. After these few months, I have come to realise that my writing is always better when I am truly mindful and relaxed.

Writing spring couplets for family and friends could also be a heartwarming activity. First of all, I need to think of the appropriate blessings for each person, and instead of simply paying attention to the strokes, I have chosen to pray for the person when I write best wishes such as 'wishing you good health' and 'God's grace is abundant'. As a novice, I have to spend a lot more time than a veteran calligrapher to finish one standard banner of four words. By the time I have written four couplets, I will have been praying for that family member or close friend for at least half an hour, feeling peaceful and connected with the people I care about.

Undeniably I would feel satisfied and delighted when family and friends hang my handwritten couplets up at their homes. But more importantly, my prayers and thoughts expressed on the red paper are now with them. Whether those wishes would come true is beyond our control, but it means the world to my loved ones when I understand and care about their deep-seated needs and aspirations. The most unusual words I have been asked to write are 'winning the first prize in lottery' for a young friend, and he was overjoyed upon seeing the red couplets of luck. Knowing that he is depression prone as he is highly stressed out at work but forced to keep working to repay his mortgage, I pray that he could find more joy in his work and life overall rather than winning the lottery.

Among all the requests from good friends, the most encouraging one comes from a good friend who used to give me spring couplets every year. Her husband reckons my calligraphy is more beautiful in some respects, so she has asked me to return the favour this time round. Her being humble and gracious has truly warmed my heart. As a genuine friend, she has always shown her appreciation of my talent in calligraphy, and kept encouraging me to do better. In fact, I have carefully kept the couplets she wrote and planned to reuse some of the untarnished ones this year but she told me to discard them. I refused and told her I always cherish the thought and love embedded in the couplets than

any objective standards of beauty, and indeed her handwriting is beautiful.

When celebrating Chinese New Year, let's see beyond the ostentatious finesse of decorations and foods and focus our attention on the thoughts and love of our family and friends. Have a blessed Chinese New Year!

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

### Stars of the Month

Chan Yik Him, Brandon  
Cheung Cheuk Ki, Emma  
Cheung Ho Kwan, Charles  
Chow Yat Yee, Kylie  
Hung King Him, Jayden  
Hung Ling To, Allen  
Kwong Wang Chi, Wilson

Lai Yan Ling, Annette

Lau Ching Sum, Venia  
Lau Kwan Nok, Noki  
Lau Shing Fung, Dickson  
Lau Sin Yin, Carly  
Lau Tin Kan, George  
Lau Wing Yu, Vanessa

Li Chin Ying, Jade  
Li Chun Wang, Jeff  
Li Sum Yuet, Cindy  
Li Tsz Hin

Li Yan Yin, Yanie  
Lin Yat Hong, Hayden  
Liu Ailey Wai-Si  
Liu Yi Qi, Yuki

Man Kin Ching, Lester  
Ng Cheuk Lam, Jolie  
Pang Yat Ching, Latte  
Po Kaitlyn

Shou Aidan

Tsui Hei Tung, Aiden  
Wen Pui Yuk, Kristy  
Wong Hay Tung, Beatrice  
Wong Kin Ho, Issac  
Wong Tsz Ching, Eunice

Wong Tsz Him, Perseus  
Wu Hiu Ting, Hilary  
Xie Wen Xi, Jason

Yeung Chin Yau, Karina  
Yeung Siu Hei, Henry  
Yip Wai Long, Anson  
Yip Wing Ching, Hannah

WTE1 Sat 10:00-11:00  
WTE2B Sat 10:00-11:00  
WTE4A Sat 3:00-4:00  
WTE2A Sat 3:00-4:00  
WTE2A Fri 5:30-6:30  
IEK2A Sat 1:00-2:00  
IEK8B Sat 11:00-12:00  
1on1-K2 IEKKA+PTWB Mon  
1:30-2:30  
WTE8B Sat 11:00-12:00  
PTWB Mon 10:30-11:30  
WTE6B Fri 6:30-7:30  
WTE2A Sat 10:00-11:00  
IEK2B Sat 9:00-10:00  
GWF4B Sat 1:00-2:00  
IEK6B Thu 5:30-6:30  
PTWP2 Sat 5:00-6:00  
IEK4A Sat 2:00-3:00  
WTE6B Sat 11:00-12:00  
IEK8A Sat 9:00-10:00  
WTE2B Sat 1:00-2:00  
GWF6A Sat 3:00-4:00  
GWF2B Fri 5:30-6:30  
IEK6B Sat 9:00-10:00  
WTE8B Tue 6:30-7:30  
WTE4B Sat 3:00-4:00  
PTWB Mon 10:30-11:30  
WTE4A Tue 4:30-5:30  
GWF4A Sat 2:00-3:00  
IEK4B Sat 12:00-1:00  
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GWF2A Sat 2:00-3:00  
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WTE2B Fri 6:30-7:30  
WTE4B Fri 4:30-5:30  
PTWR Sat 10:00-11:00



Welcome to the month of Chinese New Year!! 2024 is the year of the dragon and this zodiac animal is believed to represent growth, creativity, flexibility and prosperity. This is also the time of new beginnings and we can be hopeful that with continuous hard work and belief in our abilities, any goals and achievements we have not yet achieved the previous year will be achieved this year. The traditions of Chinese New Year are for families and friends to gather to enjoy traditional food and exchange red packets. What I love the most about Chinese New Year is the opportunity to spend more special time with my family and enjoy the delicious and meaningful food we eat. What do you love the most about Chinese New Year?

~Ms Josephine

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WRITERS OF FEBRUARY:

Best writer: Anna Lee (4B) – A Scary Lion

Other writers: Jayden Luk (4B) – Sharks; Perseus Wong (2A) – Training an elephant;  
Ma Ting Hin (2B) – A dream; Hilary Wu (4B) A giraffe's life; Justin Wong (2A) – Training a dog

### A Scary Lion By Anna Lee (WTE4B)

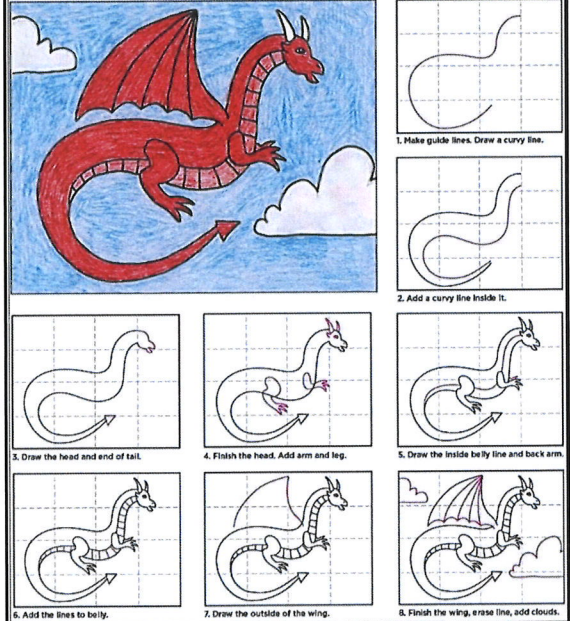
Once upon a time, there was a scary lion called Li Le Li La. His name was funny, but he was not funny.

One day, Li Le Li La the Lion went to Western Africa Zoo! A gorilla, a bigger gorilla and a big snake were inside a cage. The snake said to the lion, "Ha, don't come here!" The snake said, "There is a tiger king that eats us. Oh no! He is coming." The tiger lion looked at the lion and looked like he wanted to hit the lion.

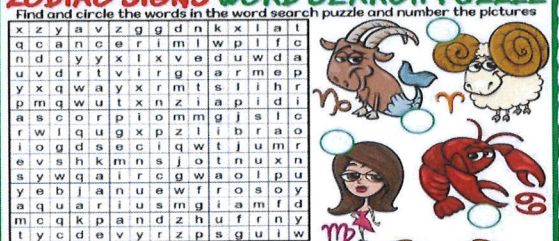
But the tiger didn't know Li Le Li La was mind reading. Li Le Li La was a strong lion. It fought with the tiger and of course, he won over the bad tiger. All the creatures and the animals called him the Lion King.



### How to draw a dragon - Step by Step instructions



### ZODIAC SIGNS WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



1. Aries
2. Taurus
3. Gemini
4. Cancer
5. Leo
6. Virgo
7. Libra
8. Scorpio
9. Sagittarius
10. Capricorn
11. Aquarius
12. Pisces