

親愛的家長和老師們：

這是一個新的世代！

近日到課室去觀課，喜見孩子們樂問樂學，討論和分享成為課堂常規，洋溢着歡樂的學習氣氛，更樂見英語已進入孩子們的思維，幾乎已變成他們的第一語言，今天已是一個不一樣的世代，家長們都不用再為孩子學英語發愁了，老師們再不需要從拼音教起，很多幼稚園已做了這項工作，掌握英語不再是一件難事，是輕鬆不過的事，但若能雙語並重，人生豈不會更精彩？

回想創校當年孩子們的英語不夠好，我特別營造了活學活用的語言環境，讓孩子在不知不覺中學會英語，愛上英語，現今的孩子已打下了英語的基礎，網絡的世界更是鋪天蓋地的，英語成了世界通用的語言，環境的改變造就了語言的學習，不要讓今天的孩子漠視數千年歷史的母語，不要以難學作為一個藉口，沒有信心和耐力更是需要我們去積極面對的問題。

IB的學習精神重視雙語，特別是母語，母語和第二語言並重，也贊成學多種語言，其實語言沒分貴賤，越難越有挑戰性，文化的傳承更是價值所在！這個年度我們的中學能全日上課，小學也延長了上課的時間，課外活動正逐步推行，我們是幸運的一群，因為我們同心協力互信與互諒，才能不管在甚麼情況下締造和諧且愉快的學習環境。

2021年快要走到尾聲了，歡樂璀璨的12月終於來臨，學校決定再次舉行聖誕音樂會，用聖誕歡樂的歌聲趕走一切不快與紛爭，願平安與喜樂重臨大地，讓我們都成為和平的使者，為大家帶來和諧與祝福！

祝聖誕快樂，生活安康！

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Dear Parents and Teachers,

A new generation in a changing world!

During a walkabout campus today, I went into the classrooms to observe several lessons. I am happy to see that the children are eager to ask questions and learn actively. Group discussions and collaborative learning have become regular habits in our students' daily routine. Classrooms are filled with the atmosphere of joyful learning. I am even more surprised at how easily our students compose their thoughts in English; a medium that has become almost their first language. Today's cohort of students belong to a very different generation. Parents no longer need to worry about their children learning English. Teachers no longer need to teach using the pinyin writing system, as many kindergartens have already laid this foundation. Today's generation is steeped in English. Becoming fluent in more than one language is a difficult task, but if you could be truly bilingual, wouldn't life be more exhilarating?

When the school was founded two decades ago, the children's English language skills were not strong enough, and I endeavoured to create a language environment that allowed them to learn English unconsciously. Our students gradually grew to adore the diversity and richness of the English language. Nowadays, children have built a more secure foundation in English, and have better access to language learning through online channels. The amount of information available at their fingertips is overwhelming. English has become the most widely spoken language around the world. Rapidly changing global trends have created new opportunities for language learning. However, let's not allow the children of today to neglect their mother tongue of over a thousand-years-old. Difficulty and obstacles are no excuse for avoiding language learning. Our students must face the challenges of acquiring language head-on with confidence and perseverance.

The IB's educational philosophy places great importance on bilingualism, especially the mother tongue and a second language, while also advocating the learning of multiple languages. There are no distinctions between languages in the IB curriculum. In fact, the more difficult and challenging the language, the greater the value of intercultural understanding and respect! During this first-term, our secondary section has been able to return to a full-day timetable on campus, and our primary section has extended the in-school timetable. The wide array of extra-curricular activities in our extended learning programme are gradually being relaunched. We have created our own good fortune as a school community by working together closely and trusting each other to maintain a harmonious and pleasant learning environment whatever the circumstances.

2021 is approaching its conclusion. Festive lights beam as the joyous month of December has finally arrived. The school decided to host a Christmas Concert again this year to cast away any thoughts of anxiety or conflict and replace these with heartwarming Christmas songs. May peace and joy return to the world and let us all continue to succeed in harmony with one another. May 2022 usher in a new year of goodwill and blessings to everyone!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a healthy life!

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