

Kau Yan School (Kindergarten Section)

The year 2019-2020

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Dear parents,

I would love to share some happy moments with you. Bravery is the focused character from the beginning of the school year to mid-October. Children set goals for themselves to achieve braveness. Therefore, children from all class years have successfully adapted to their learning lives.



Children faced many challenges during this period. K1 children tried their best to learn about the people and surroundings of the school. They learned to introduce themselves and greet the principal, headteachers, and teachers. K2 children set goals to try different tea-time snacks. K3 children encourage each other to introduce themselves or have interviews with strangers. Although they may be shy, they still finish the tasks with peer encouragement. In addition to the above goals, class teachers also set up one more goal for children to achieve together, including greeting people with a loud voice, sharing in front of the class, introducing themselves to strangers, hugging the lizard 鬚鬚, etc. Teachers would create opportunities for

children to achieve those tasks during lesson time. So, children can understand the meaning of bravery and the actions related with concrete encouragement and compliments.



Some parents asked me in parenting seminars, “If I compliment my child all the time, would there be negative effects?”. Compliments are the basic principle of developing a close relationship. It is the reference point for behavioral positioning. It can help children grow in the right direction. When we tell our mom or partner one of their dishes is very tasty, that same dish will often appear on the menu. Similarly, when children know that parents and teachers they love appreciate their behavior, the same behavior will appear often. They will learn the meaning of the different characters and the motives behind each action under actual situations. Therefore, when we compliment children, it should base on acceptance. We need to respect the uniqueness of each child. We will be able to find admirable characters in anything when we can appreciate and compliment children’s nature, effort, and motive. Children will develop good characters overtime under parents’ compliments.



After a practice period, we held a Bravery Award Ceremony in mid-October. Classes that achieved the goals have received trophies. The result is all of them have achieved their targets with great effort. Vice-principal Ms. Wong, headteachers, and I applauded and congratulated the children for their achievements during the ceremony. Although it is only a simple ceremony, children were excited and satisfied when the teachers presented them with the trophies and praised their efforts.

Things that we are used to could be challenging for children. The growth of children requires concrete encouragement and the confidence given by adults. We need to let children feel the support and trust from adults using words of affirmation, gentle smiles, and relaxed body language. So, they can still take their first step when they face anxiety and hesitation. With confidence and a sense of success, they will gradually internalize the character of bravery. I hope all the children will become more brave and confident over time.



Yours faithfully,



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