All teams and groups need a leader. A leader is the one who goes in front to lead her teammates, groupmates and to make work run smoothly and successfully. A successful leader should have the qualities of confidence, concentration, decisiveness, discipline, initiative, involvement, respect, responsibility and seriousness. There are five qualities which are the most prominent factors to make one a great leader.

Confidence

Confidence is important. If a leader has confidence, she can bear responsibility. A leader can show her confidence through her behaviour or her speech. A leader always needs to give instructions to her teammates, If she can show confidence to them, they would trust, obey and respect her. Take our Chief Executive Mr. Donald Tsang as an example, he certainly shows his confidence in front of his citizens when he is presenting the policies of the government or just making a speech. That is the reason why he is the Chief Executive and this shows confidence is essential for being a leader.

Decisiveness

Other than confidence, decisiveness is also a major criteria of being a luminous leader. Leaders always have to make decisions. Thus, it is essential for leaders to be resolute. Too much hesitation is not only time-wasting, but also arouses public anxiety. For example, the slow response of Ma Yingjiu towards the typhoon disaster in Taiwan made citizens suffer and blame. Thus, a resolute and decisive leader not only makes himself convincing, but also wins the public's trust.

Initiative

Besides responsibility, initiative is also needed to be a successful leader. A great leader has to be proactive to encourage teammates and show affinity. A leader has to try his best to unite groupmates together and form a union. Whether the task can be done well all depends on the leader's initiative. Moreover, leaders also have to initiate plans and motivate others so that everyone can utilize their talent to complete their tasks more easily. Leaders also have to call meetings and hold activities in order to understand more about their groupmates and to keep the work in progress.
**Respect**

Besides, respect is also one of the most essential factors to make a good leader. When you become a leader, you have the greatest power in your team and give instructions to your teammates. Although a leader takes charge of the group, she should respect his teammates like asking for their opinions. When people in a team respect one another, they can then cooperate well. For instance, our Hong Kong Financial Secretary Mr. John Tsang Chun Wah also listens to the citizens' opinions before presenting her new budget plan. Doubtlessly, respect helps to create a harmonious atmosphere in the team.

**Responsibility**

Another outstanding quality is responsibility. A responsible leader knows clearly the deadline of the task then she can remind the teammates so as to ensure the task is completed on time. A responsible leader will know when to start preparing a job or a programme in order to have sufficient time to finish the work. A leader is a role model of a team, if she is responsible, the teammates will follow him to become responsible members, then the entire team will cooperate well. Obviously, responsibility plays an important role.

To conclude, being a successful leader is not a piece of cake. Thus, before you become a leader, try to train yourself to have confidence, decisiveness, initiation, respect and responsibility. These are the major criteria of being a luminous leader.

So, what are you waiting for? Take action and be the next leader!

(Read more about our TNSS leaders on P.D1 !)

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**2009 - 2010 SI ADVENTURE-BASED CAMP**

The theme of the SI Adventure-based Training camp is ‘Respect myself, Respect others’. At the beginning of the camp, I thought that we did not understand or trust each other. However, when we played the games which the teachers designed, we learned the importance of team spirit and co-operation with each other, I believe that it is useful for us when we work in society. Lastly, I would like to thank all the teachers that gave us the opportunity to join this camp. I really want to join this kind of camp again!

IC Chloe Luk

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I want to talk about my feelings on the SI Adventure-based Training camp. In this camp, I enjoyed myself very much. I felt very happy and I found this camp is very exciting. I met a lot of classmates in 1C and 1D. For the camp, we went to Yuen Long for two days and one night. It was lucky that those two days were sunny but it was very hot too. After I arrived back home, I was tired but I wanted to have the camp again!

IC Rachel Wong
HELP THE NEEDY--CARITAS BAZAAR

Guess what these pictures show? It was the Caritas Day. Caritas—Hong Kong was founded in July 1953 by the Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong. It is a Catholic organization and its aim is to provide rehabilitation (1) and relief to the poor and those who are under stress. The annual Caritas Bazaar is one of the many fund raising activities held by Hong Kong Caritas.

A month before that day, many beautiful dolls, colourful silk ribbons, and useful stationery were collected on a table in the school hall. Finally, the Caritas Day came. It took place in Fa Hui Park. The park had turned from a quiet park into a bustling market. In the park, there were couples taking their children to buy toys, elderly walking slowly around and students shouting loudly to catch people’s attention. There were endless stalls run by different schools. The eye-catching banner gave visitors no difficulty in finding the booth of Tak Nga Secondary School.

Some students were selling handicrafts while some of them were in game booths. However, the purpose was the same—for charity. In the booth, there were many toys, stationery and silk ribbons. Many people gathered in front of the booth to shop. Many clubs in our school participated in the Bazaar, for instance, the Student Association, the Catholic Society and the Business Club. It involved many teachers and students.

Everyone was performing well at their own duties. Unity was strength. All the visitors to the stalls, whether adults or children had satisfied looks on their faces which showed the successful cooperation between teachers and students and also the excellent preparation and organization of the stalls.

THE LOGO OF THE BEE!

The logo of the Bee was designed by Jazz Law from 5D. It is adorable and meaningful. The bee is a very hard-working creature and it works round-the-clock to collect nectar. Besides seeing the bee as part of the animal kingdom, it can also be used to describe busy people. Learning English well can be a time-consumming and arduous (2) process at times. We hope students will be as hard-working as bees to become more exposed to English and learn it well. Remember, 'No Pain, No Gain!'.

Definitions:  
(1) arduous = difficult  
(2) rehabilitation = help and assistance to get better and live a normal life
Lyrics Review

"Where is the love?" is a song concerning social issues like terrorism and discrimination. This song raises the question:

Where is the love? Are we just too busy to show concern to the people around us? By listening to this song, we can reflect on ourselves. We should not hesitate to show our love to others since it is not something discrete but central to the human conscience. In fact, we can show our love to others easily in our daily lives. For example, when classmates have difficulties in studies, we should give a helping hand. When there are charity activities, we should endeavor to donate to the needy. Every little bit of love can make a difference.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WpYeekQkAdc&feature=fvst 6B Lillian Lai

21 Guns Day

"Do you know what's worth fighting for,
When it's not worth dying for?
Does it take your breath away
And you feel yourself suffocating?
Does the pain weigh out the pride?
And you look for a place to hide?
Did someone break your heart inside?
You're in ruins"

This is a very meaningful anti-war song. It promotes peace and instills the concept to teenagers that violence cannot solve problems. We are very lucky since we are living in Hong Kong that we never suffer from wars. However, imagine you were a person in Iraq and you lost your parents, children and home in a second. Cruel bombs fell from the sky, and crushed thousands of families. Therefore, we should cherish what we have now, and try our best to help those who are suffering from wars. This song makes good use of rhetorical questions. We are expected to think about these but not answer them. For example, "Do you feel yourself suffocating?" and "Did you try to live on your own when you burned down the house and home?" The lyrics of 21 guns are inspiring and touching. I am sure after listening to this song, you will ponder the meaning of conflict in our world.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r00iKi0lW4&feature=fvst 6B Lillian Lai

Book Review

A Christmas Carol

"A Christmas Carol" was set on Christmas Eve in London. That day was cold, foggy and frosty. Nevertheless, people's happiness did not seem to be affected by the bad weather. They chatted with others in a jolly way, they smiled peacefully. Even when they walked, they walked lightheartedly. However, an old man stood out from the crowd. He was neither handsome, nor well-dressed. He was eye-catching because he was the only man in the town who appeared to be cheerless! That old man's name was Ebenezer Scrooge, the meanest man in London, may be in the world. But this Christmas, Scrooge was going to meet three spirits which changed his life forever.

The first spirit Scrooge met was the Ghost of Christmas Past. This spirit took Scrooge to his past Christmas. Through this journey, Scrooge found that he was so joyful, nice, friendly and enjoyed every Christmas when he was young. But things changed and his girlfriend left him and built a family with another man because the only thing Scrooge cared for was money.

The second spirit Scrooge met was the Ghost of Christmas Present. He was taken to visit many families. Scrooge discovered that many people enjoyed Christmas merrily even though they were poor or far away from their family. He realized that money was not as important as he had thought before.

The last spirit Scrooge met was the Ghost of Christmas Future. The spirit took him to his future and Scrooge was deeply frightened by it. No one cared about his death. His mads took his clothes, blankets and curtains off, when his dead body was still lying on the bed. The only emotion that people had about his death was happiness. 4E Whitney, Leung
“Michael Jackson's This is It” is a documentary involving the preparation and progress of the 50 comeback concerts named “This is It” that the King of Pop, Michael Jackson, was planning to hold in London in July 2009.

While you are watching “Michael Jackson's This is It”, you will find the performances imperfect. In the movie, Michael Jackson always reminds himself and the crew that he needs to protect his voice and save energy during rehearsals so he can give a perfect show to his audience. That's why we can only hear a soft and low voice in the movie, leaving his best for later. However, 'the best show' cannot be seen now as Michael passed away suddenly in June 2009. Now, the best side of Michael is being shown to us, the film audience.

Let's start with the song “Man in the Mirror”. Throughout the movie, some of us, who didn't know about the King of Pop, got a chance to receive the message that Michael Jackson always spread to people around the world throughout his life: a message of love and peace. Like every world tour he has held in the past, the singer didn't forget to express his thoughts about changing the world through illustrious songs such as “Man in the Mirror” and “Earth Song”. It is hoped his fans will not only enjoy his music, but also be influenced by the message he was trying to share.

6A Theresa Lam

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It is the hottest disaster movies in 2009. As the planet we are living on, the Earth, has nearly come to an end, people do everything to save themselves. However, only the rich people can do this. The US president and leaders keep it a secret from common people, that the Earth's crust is about to disintegrate. They raise money to build arks in China and save the lives of the great and the rich, pairs of animals and the treasures of the Louvre from the oncoming flood.

It shows the real quality of human beings. The difference of social class has decided the lives of people in this movie. It is a hard time when the flooding destroyed everything, but it really shows a bright future at last. It makes me feel hopeful after all. Everybody lives in the same world and we are all together. It is important to throw away the mind of class consciousness. Everyone should be treated fairly. It made me feel so sad when I saw the US president and leaders keep the secret. Their citizens didn't even have a chance to say goodbye to their beloved friends and families.

The special effects of this film are really fantastic. It is so realistic. Also, the actors and actresses have done a great job. It is an inspiring film.

4E Theresa Cheng

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BEYOND THE REALM OF CONSCIENCE

Beyond The Realm Of Conscience (宮心計) is a very popular TV series in 2009. It was so popular because of the exciting story and the powerful casting. I think the most note-worthy aspect of the whole TV series is the use of gorgeous costumes that cost over one hundred thousand dollars in total.

While watching the programme, you can often see some argumentative scenes between the concubines in the palace but this is only on the surface. The true theme of this drama is that we should be kind and treat all people around us well. Good-heartedness often meets with recompenses(1).

6B Monica Leung

Definitions: (1) recompense = a award in return for something
Interview with SA President, KATHY CHAN

Profile
Name: Chan Tsz Kiu, Kathy
B-day: 9th June
Hobbies: Listening to music, Facebook
Ambition: To enter university

Q: Hello Kathy. What is your goal this year?
A: I want to be promoted to Form 7 and create a great foundation for the A-levels. Also, I will try my best to run the SA successfully.

Q: Oh! I see. What difficulties have you faced when running the SA?
A: Well, since this is the first time for me to lead such a big association, I have had problems like how to hold a big event, such as the Christmas Party and the Caritas Bazaar activities and how to divide and assign jobs among 12 members.

Q: Wow, how did you overcome these difficulties then?
A: I overcame them by having a good planning and working schedule. Also, I tried to gain the cooperation of other SA members.

Q: Did you come across any interesting things during the Caritas Bazaar?
A: Oh yes! A primary girl visited our stall again and again and played the games around 10 times!

Q: The Caritas Bazaar was a big success. How did you make it so successful?
A: Luckily I have 11 good members. We anticipated the problems, met together and made lots of suggestions. They helped me a lot.

Q: Can you tell me more about the coming functions of SA?
A: We are planning to have a crazy stationary sale for all schoolmates. Also, we may add one more section such as a talent show in the singing contest.

Interview with White House Captain, SARAH LAM

Profile
Name: Lam She Yan Sarah
Horoscope: Lion
Hobby: Reading spiritual books, Watching Jan Lamb’s talk shows
Ambition: To become a Police Officer

Q: As the captain of White House, what do you think you can do to improve the house results?
A: I have to be responsible and hard-working. In the Swimming Gala and on Sports Day, I will encourage my house members to join the competitions. I will also take part in these events to be a role model for the members. Moreover, if the results of White House are to be improved, the cooperation of the house members is very important, so I hope they can show their team spirit and good sportsmanship to all of us.

Q: What will you do if there is a conflict between you and your committee members?
A: Firstly, I will give them my opinion. Then, I will ask them to express their opinions and discuss their concerns. I will listen to them patiently and finally I will strike a balance and try my best to reach a consensus among all of us.

Q: What do you want to achieve this academic year?
A: In this academic year, I want to build a good friendship with my house committee members, and try my best to get outstanding results for White House.

Q: In which activity do you think White House can perform well?
A: I hope we can achieve remarkable results in the inter-house basketball competition.

A Note from the Editors:
This issue of ‘The Bee’ has undergone a transformation(1). We have added a few new elements. In order to arouse students’ interest in reading ‘The Bee’, we have conducted interviews with students holding prominent positions in the school and reported on some school activities. Apart from that, we have organized a review competition so students will play a role in creating the school newspaper and included some new design features.
Lastly, we would like to take this chance to thank all students who were interviewed and those students who submitted their reviews to us. Without your support, this issue would not be a success.

Definitions: (1) a transformation: a change in appearance or character

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