

## Creativity

Good morning Principal, Vice-Principals, teachers and fellow schoolmates. Today I am going to talk about creativity.

When I was a child, I learned the word "Beautiful" in a Chinese lesson. The teacher asked us to make a simple sentence with this word. In order not to make the same sentence with the girl who sat next to me, I discussed with her. Finally, we agreed that her sentence was "I have a beautiful cock in my garden" and mine was "I have a beautiful peacock in my garden".

Dear schoolmates, can you guess what grades we got? When the exercise books were given back to us, there was a big beautiful tick on her book but the teacher just gave me a cross. Obviously, she thought possessing a peacock in a garden is not logical and a little boy should not have a peacock in his garden. Many of you may think the teacher did the wrong thing as she acted as "a killer of creativity". She destroyed the innovative idea of her student. But are you aware that we always do the same thing? For example, when we hear new ideas such as "I want to invent a machine to collect the rubbish on the ground", we always say "that's impossible" or we may simply say "Don't be silly!" We seldom praise them.

My dear schoolmates, "Nothing is impossible!" Long long time ago, no one could predict the invention of flights, but nowadays everyone just regards this as a normal thing. What we have today was contributed by human's creativity, so my dear schoolmates, will you try to appreciate others' fantastic ideas? That's the end of my sharing. Thank you.