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Editorial

by Mr. Gilbert



This edition is all about our mothers. We should always care for those around us, especially our family. When I was a little boy, I gave my mother a small table mat I made at school, as a Mother's Day gift. It simply said 'Dear Mum'. It was not especially pretty.

I remember she kept that mat in our living room for many years, proudly on display and still has it in a cupboard. Our parents do so much for us, we should treasure every minute with each other and remember the sweet times we share.

Take the time to show your love and care for your family.



Origin of Mother's Day



Mother's Day celebrations first happened in the time of ancient Greeks and Romans hundreds of years ago. Even Mother's Day celebrations in the UK began much before the USA. In the USA, the founder of Mother's Day was a woman called Anna Jarvis.

Anna's beloved mother got sick one day. Her sickness got serious and she died in 1905. To honour her mother, Anna started a campaign to set a day as 'Mother's Day'. Not only to honour her own mother, Anna also wanted to honour all mothers in the world. She thought that one's mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world".

In 1914, America made the date of Mother's Day to be the second Sunday in May. This was set as a national holiday to honour mothers. Besides, the carnation, which was the favourite flower of Anna's mother, now symbolizes Mother's Day.

Mother's Day was adopted by other countries and it is now celebrated all over the world. People send presents and flowers, especially carnations, to their mothers at this special festival.



Let's send your love and messages to your dad, mum and other family members!



Puzzle

Can you decode the hidden Mother's day message?
Hint: Egtc=Give
Egtc wmsp kmrfcp y zge fse.
(Answer on Page 2)



A Mother's Day Tale

A kind man stopped at a flower shop to order some flowers to be sent to his mother who lived two hundred kilometres away.

As he got out of his car, he saw a young boy sitting on the footpath (1) sobbing (2). He was his neighbour.

He asked him what was wrong and he replied, "I want to buy a red rose for my mother. But I only have seventy-five cents, and a rose costs two dollars."

The man smiled and said, "Come with me. I'll buy you a rose." He bought the little boy his rose and ordered his own mother's flowers.

As they were leaving, he offered the boy a ride home. He said, "Yes, please! Can you take me to my mother?" He directed him to a cemetery (3), where he placed the rose on his mother's freshly dug grave (4).

The man returned to the flower shop, cancelled the order, picked up a bouquet (5) of flowers and drove two hundred kilometres to his mother's house.

It's so important to love your family.

Word help

1. footpath (n.) (行人路) - a path at the side of a street for people to walk on
2. sob (v.) (啜泣) - cry softly and quietly
3. cemetery(n.) (墓地) - a place where dead people are buried
4. grave(n.) (墳墓) - a space in the ground for a dead person

Challenge



Let's take the challenge. Answer the questions.

1. What did the little boy want to buy?
a) eggs b) bread c) flowers
2. How much money did he have?
a) \$4.20 b) \$0.75 c) \$0.20
3. Who stopped to help the boy?
a) A teacher b) A thief c) A neighbour
4. Why was the boy sobbing?
a) He was too hungry.
b) His mother had died.
c) He just cooked with onions.



Answer: Give your mother a big hug.
Puzzle

Handmade Card Making

Let's make a handmade gift for your beloved person

1. Draw and cut out the flower shape.
2. Fold along the **dotted straight lines** to make a four-page heart-shaped card.
3. Write down the message to your beloved person on the lines.
4. Draw pictures on the card.
5. To make the card prettier, punch a hole near the edge and tie a ribbon through the hole.



Dear Mum,

Happy Mother's Day!
I Love You.

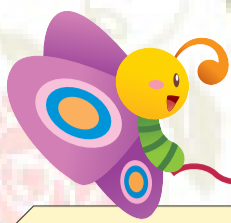
Love
Natalie (1A)

Dear Mum,

I love you!
You are superb!
You are amazing!

Love
Issac (1C)





Student's Writing



An Unforgettable Trip with my Family

Michael Lee 6A

In the Easter holiday, my family and I went to Okinawa.

On the first day, we went to Mago Pineapple Park. We tried some pineapple juice and bought a pineapple ice-cream. It was very delicious. On the second day, we went swimming at Manza Beach. The water was very clear but very cold so I just swam for a short time only.

On the third day, we went to Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium. It was an amazing aquarium. We watched the dolphin show. The visitors clapped their hands because the dolphins did many difficult moves. Also we saw some bigfish. They were as big as elephants. At last, we went shopping at a supermarket at American Village to buy some souvenirs for our friends.

I like Okinawa very much. I would never forget this trip.

My Beloved Mother

James Hui 6A

My mother is the epitome of a modern woman. She is not only my beloved mother but also my guiding angel.

My mother has beautiful brown eyes. She is quite short with straight hair. Her smile is one that goes on for miles. She is a caring mother and also a devoted housewife. She keeps our flat spotless. Whenever she has a break in her busy houseworking hours, she spent time with me. Due to the little time that she has with me, I cherish every moment of it. She is such a good mother to me.

I have a great admiration for my mother. She is a role model to me and I admire her working attitude. Although I do not aspire to become a housewife like my mum, I have learnt a lot from her good personality and positive attitude towards life.

My Mother Melody Lau (1A)

This is my mother.
Her name is Choi Tung Tung.
She is short and thin.
She has short hair
and small eyes.
She goes to work
by bicycle.
I love my mother.



My Sister Emily Kwok (1A)

This is my sister.
Her name is Winnie.
She is tall and slim.
She has long hair and round
eyes.
She goes to school by MTR.



I Love Mum and Dad! Isaac Ng (1C)

This is me with my father and mother. We live in Tai wai in the New Territories. My mother has a small mouth and short hair. My father is strong and tough.

I have a happy family. I love my family very much. Thanks, Daddy and Mommy!



My Lovely Family Minnie Wong (1C)

This is me with my father, mother and elder sister.
We live in the New Territories.
We all have big eyes.
I like my family because they are lovely.



My Family Lily Lau (3B)

There are five people in my family. My mum is beautiful and strict. My dad is strong and handsome. My sister is meek. My brother is so cute and smart. I am a gentle girl. I have a good family.





**A Trip to Chiangmai
Elvis Chan (2B)**

This is me with my mother. We are at Chiangmai Elephant Camp. We are riding an elephant. We are feeding the baby elephant with bananas and carrots. They are lovely. We feel happy.

**My Beloved Mother
Dennis Lee (4A)**

My mother is very kind. She loves me very much.



On Saturdays, Mum always plays badminton with me happily. I am not very good at Chinese. Mum teaches me Chinese so I am doing better. When I am sick, Mum takes good care of me. She is a good cook, too. She can cook delicious food for us.

I love Mum forever.

**Visiting a Park
Fion Chen (2B)**

This is me with my mother and my sister.

We are at the park.

We are watching a show.

We have a good time and we feel very happy.



**My Mum
Cherry Lee(4A)**

I love my mum. She has a pair of big, brown eyes and black hair.

I love my mum. She always takes good care of me. When I was five years old, I was sick and stayed in the hospital for two days. My mum stayed with me and took care of me in that period.

I love my mum. She is kind. When I was in Primary one, I failed in the exam because I was lazy and did not study hard. My mum did not punish me but encouraged me to do better next time.

I love my mum. I want to thank her for always taking good care of me. I will work hard to thank her in the future.

I love you, Mum.



**My Beloved Mother
Kitty Yiu (5B)**



I love my mother because my mother always takes care of me.

My mother is beautiful. Her face looks like an apple. She always looks at me with her dewy eyes. She speaks to me with her red little mouth. She also has black hair. She is bigger than me that

she can protect me.

In addition, my mother loves me, too. She always helps me with my homework. On holidays, she plays with me. Sometimes, she reads me stories at night before I go to sleep.

All in all, I am so lucky to be the daughter of my mother.

**My Beloved Mother
Holly Li (4A)**

My beloved family member is my mother.

Every morning, she prepares food for us. She makes Chinese dishes skillfully. We like the food very much. She checks our homework attentively. She teaches us to do homework and housework patiently. She takes good care of us when we are sick. She sometimes takes us to the sports centre to do exercise.



My mother treats us very well. She does her best to look after our family. I want to be a good mother like her.

