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*Dreams*



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'Let your dreams be the wings with which you take to the skies. ... Let your dreams be the ones that make you soar high and higher than those that do not try or dare.' - Kiran Kumar

Life without dreams is like a rainbow without colours. There are so little fun and thrills when there is nothing for us to look forward to. So, it doesn't matter how humble your dreams may be. All you have to do is to have one, or many, because nothing will happen unless we dream. You will certainly feel like walking on air the moment you realise your dreams.

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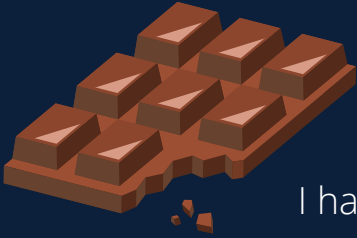
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# Dreams in a Life

*Eunice Chan 4B (2)*



I had lots of dreams when I was six.  
"Mama, I'll be a baker and a vet!  
I'll make a palace with chocolate bricks,  
and I'll cure all the sick and injured pets."



I had three dreams when I was fifteen.  
"Mommy, I'll be a lawyer who's wealthy.  
I'll buy you an automatic machine,  
then you'll be chilling at home calmly."



I had two dreams when I was thirty.  
"Mom, it is my goal to be a doctor.  
I'll cure you whenever you feel poorly,  
and try my best to be your protector."

Now I'm fifty and I just have one dream.  
"Mom, would you please come back to me?" I grieved.





# *Dreams*

*Angel Chan 4B (3)*

Always frightening  
Seeking, searching, striving  
Trammels, obstacles, climbing, conquering  
Learning, mastering, triumphing  
Always fulfilling  
Finales

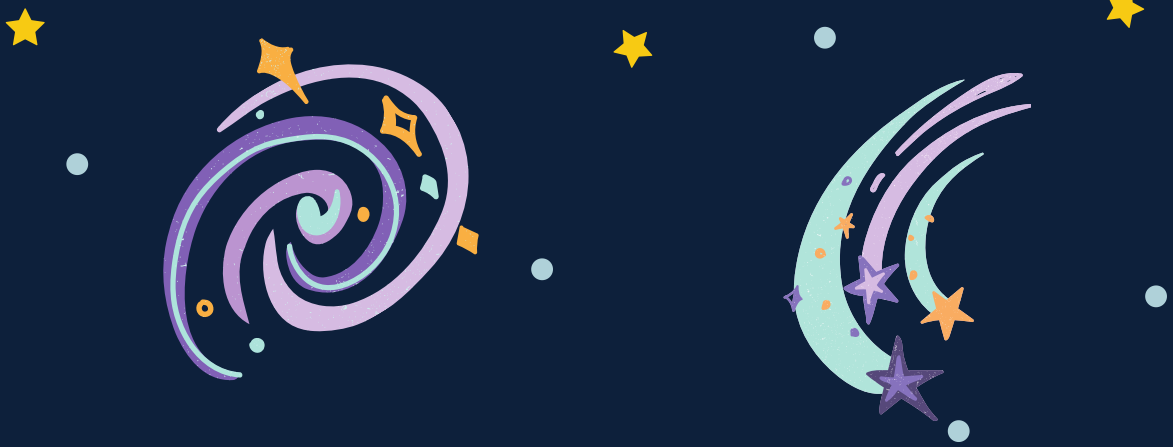




# An Acrostic Poem

*Olivia Tsang 4B (15)*

- **D**erived from imaginations
- **R**eality confronts
- **E**ager to succeed
- **A**wfully painful
- **M**emories in the end



# This is a Dream

*Kylie Hon 5D (8)*

**D**iscover it and Dedicate yourself to it.

It may not be Down-to-earth. Just be Daring, Dauntless and Determined.

**R**ealism is not the key as the future is hard to foresee.

**E**xplore your potential and thinking big is essential.

**A**mbition to succeed brings no regrets.

**M**ay fortune smile at you and your dream finally come true!



# DEFINING DREAMS

*Olivia Tsang 4B (15)*

"What's a dream?" my sister asked me, looking at her workbook seriously. "A dream job, maybe?" I replied. As I could never decide what I preferred to do in the future, I didn't have a dream.

That was how I perceived the word "dream" until the Covid-19 pandemic struck. It has since changed my understanding regarding the meaning of dreams. I have a friend who is a frontline medical personnel. She once talked about her miserable experiences and feelings of being shut in the hospital for a long time. I was strongly impressed by what she said, "Owing to the pandemic, we have lost a myriad of simple things in life, like our health, our social lives and the economy." However, I realised that we also learned to cherish the things we possess and not to give up pursuing our dreams. What she said has made me reflective. "What's a dream?" I started to delve into its definition and understand that we should not confine our dreams to worldly successes. After pondering for some time, I finally came to a realization.





I understood that dreams are not restricted by definitions. They are actually convictions you believe in firmly or a future you yearn for. Most importantly, a dream need not be grand or embellished. It can be really simple.

Recently, my four-year-old sister received a writing task on "My Dream" from her teacher at kindergarten.

"What's your dream?" I asked her, expecting an interesting answer from her innocent mind.

"To be a teacher! Ms Chan said being a teacher is the mightiest occupation in the world ever!" she said with great enthusiasm.



"Our dreams can be anything and do not necessarily have to be a job," I said reflectively.

"So what's your dream?" my sister asked curiously.

"It's simple. It's LOVE," I answered firmly, without doubt.



# THE BENEFITS OF *Daydreaming*

*Melody Zhuo 4C (21)*



As daydreaming is always associated with people who don't work hard enough or lack concentration, many people have a bad impression of the word "daydream". However, to me, it is an effective way to motivate myself to move forward.

I need to point out that daydreaming is the easiest way for you to take a break from real life. For most of our lives, we may be trying to tackle difficult problems. In fact, these challenges keep bugging us, and sometimes, that can be exhausting.

Perhaps a lot of people dream of having a "better life" but it is not easy to make this kind of dream come true immediately. Since daydreams are a reflection of



our wishes, we can have total control of our daydreams. We know it is a fake world that is constructed by ourselves, but still, it makes us feel relieved.

I would compare a life without daydreams to the life of a prisoner, as people who never daydream cannot enjoy the happiness of true freedom.

That being said, we should not treat daydreaming as an act of weakness. Actually, escaping from reality temporarily can help us calm down, just like a battery that needs charging. We can perform better in our work after daydreaming for a while.

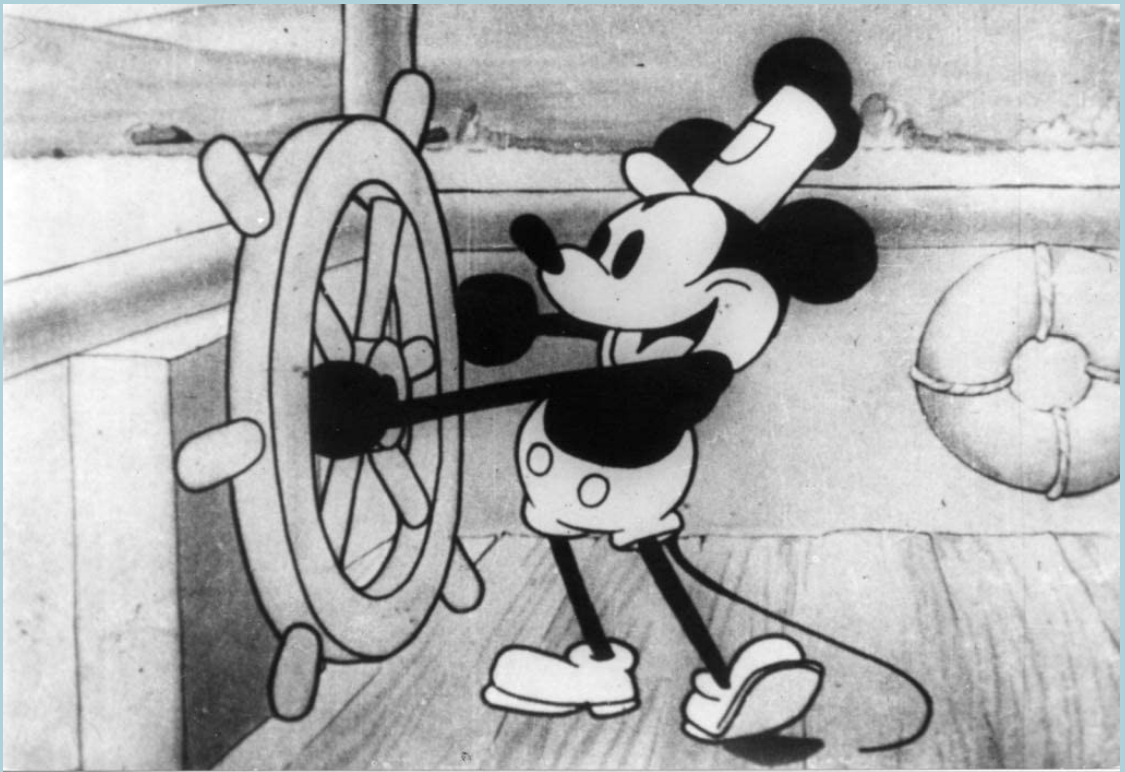
Let our brains take a break in our busy lives and don't force ourselves to slog away at work endlessly.

# Making Dreams Come True

*Chong Cheuk Kiu 4C (23)*



Speaking of dreams, what images does the word "dreams" conjure up in your mind? A fascinating dream destination? An aspiring occupation? Or maybe the dream you just had last night! It is undoubtedly difficult to pursue our dreams these days and the path is often rugged and bumpy. Instead of facing many ups and downs, most people may simply want to have a steady life. However, I was deeply impressed by a man who stood out from the crowd and turned his dreams into reality. Let me give you a hint – he is the father of a world-renowned fictional mouse character and a magical amusement park.



Born in Chicago in 1901, Walt Disney had already developed an interest in drawing and illustrating when he was still a teenager. After his return from the Great War, he was determined to start his first art business in Kansas City. Nonetheless, it was not as easy as he had expected. The studio went bankrupt in just a couple of years. Yet, he did not give up and he started his business all over again. On his train journey to California, he sketched and created Mickey Mouse, which later became one of the world's most beloved cartoon characters.

After years of difficulty and misery, he finally paid off all his debts and brought Mickey Mouse to life. Although Mickey Mouse is one of the most well-known and recognizable characters nowadays, his idea had been rejected by hundreds of investors; only one banker



accepted his idea.

Negotiating with different distributors, working overtime and having a tense relationship with his employers, his first Mickey animation "Steamboat Wille" made its debut in 1928. Bouncing back from failure and going back on the right track again, Walt Disney further

produced "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and "Pinocchio", which turned out to be box office successes. Moreover, with achievements in television programmes, like "the Mickey Mouse Club", he acquired enough capital to turn his biggest wish into reality – the creation of Disneyland.

Experiencing highs and lows, setbacks and comebacks, Walt Disney's persistence and ambition contributed to his many accomplishments. Even though his life was like a roller coaster, the dream-come-true project – Disneyland – became a colossal success. Not only did he clear all his debts, but he also turned a tiny studio into an immense business empire, including global theme parks, television channels and even cruise ships!

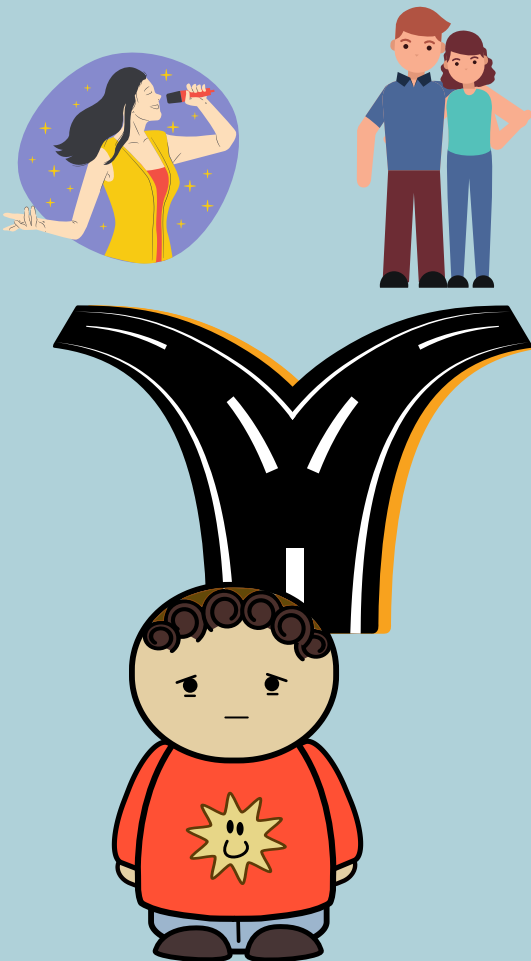
Walt Disney's legendary life is truly impressive and inspiring. He has also taught us an important lesson: don't let one obstacle stop you from achieving great things. In a challenging situation, many people will choose to give up immediately. Unlike them, Walt Disney decided to confront it bravely and take these experiences as life lessons. His path was definitely full of stones and mud, but still nothing had stopped him from pursuing his magical dreams.



# Chasing Dreams

*Bosco Wong 4C (31)*

The need to overcome daunting difficulties to reach their dreams may stop a person from pursuing their dreams entirely. Although some people easily give up, others never lose their passion because of their strong desire to accomplish their goals. This is the reason why some people succeed and some fail. People have different dreams, for instance, being a football player, musician, or pilot. However, we always feel that there are many obstacles between us and our dreams, stopping us from time to time.



First of all, the expectations of our parents may keep us from chasing our dreams. Some parents may say that being a professional is the best as one can earn a lot of money. Many children are pressured to follow the dreams of their parents. However, even if you can become a doctor or lawyer, will you really feel contented? No, you won't unless it has been your goal to start with. In this case, you are simply a robot taking commands from your master. Later on in life, this will become your burden and you won't be able to find any happiness from the job. Therefore, you should show your parents what you really desire. Show them your determination and make an effort, they will understand and be supportive.



Laziness is another hurdle – one of our biggest enemies. We always find a lot of excuses not to persevere. "I am sick today and I can't attend training." This is an excuse that you might have made before, but in fact, you are simply being lazy. Nonetheless, it seems unavoidable for us to feel that way sometimes. If you feel that you are losing energy and motivation, recall what your original

intention was. Think about how your initial passion came to being and reclaim it. In this way, you can carry on with rekindled enthusiasm.

It is common for us to be discouraged when we face difficulties. We may easily be defeated and we feel so helpless that we can do nothing but to give up. Instead, we should accept our failures and learn from our mistakes, then transform them into our strengths.

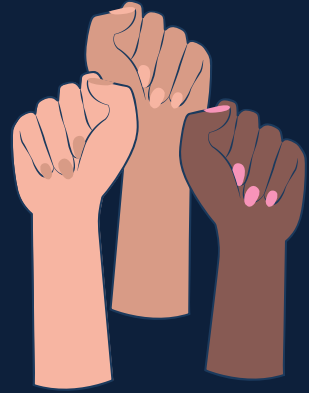
The road to success is always a bumpy and winding one. It may be burdensome and exhausting. However, we have to believe that we are capable of overcoming these obstacles and when we spare no effort in chasing our dreams, they will be realised in no time.





# My Humble Dreams

*Pauline Yau 5D (25)*



Martin Luther King once said he had a dream.

That the United States will rise and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'

But polarisation has been intensifying in the US as well as around the world, while hate crimes are surging. Conspiracy theories have become the mainstream and fake news spreads faster than wild fires. His dream has not yet come true.

What dreams do you have?



I had a dream in which I was born in the 90s.



I could wear flare pants and cropped sweaters. I would watch 'The Godfather' trilogy at the cinema. I would go to the concerts of Nirvana, David Bowie and Fleetwood Mac, screaming out loud the lyrics of "Smell like Teen Spirits". But I gave up that dream very quickly.

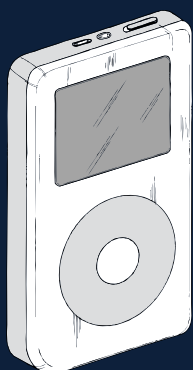
What is the definition of a "dream"? Are dreams simply plans that are impossible to achieve? Is it impossible for people to be treated as equals and for me to be born in the 90s?

Does your dream sound impossible? Is it really impossible?

I started to pick dreams that are a lot more achievable. Easy dreams are dreams too. Easy dreams are not less valuable than difficult dreams.

This morning I had many dreams.

I had a dream that the chocolate cake would still be in the fridge when I woke up, that my brother would not have eaten it last night, and I could have it for breakfast.



I had a dream that when I was walking to school my favourite songs would come up on shuffle. I would hum along to the funky beat of The Weeknd's new album. The Smiths could also be a good choice. If I could not be born in the 90s, I could at least relive it.

I had a dream that I would be free during Assembly, so I could take a good long breath and catch up with my overdue assignments. Being in the senior form is not easy; enjoy your time when you are in the junior forms - It's nice while it lasts.



I had a dream that the weather would be beautiful on the way home. Clouds would appear in amusing shapes – dinosaurs and whales swimming in the sky. I would watch the sunset with shades of orange and pink.





All my dreams might sound insignificant but they all came true before the end of the day.

The ultimate dream of Martin Luther King was to be happy: for all coloured people to be happy, for all people to be happy; for white supremacists to stop harming coloured people simply because of their different colour; for powerful leaders to stop abusing the rights of people. He wanted coloured people to be free and ultimately, happy.

I wanted to be born in the 90s because I wanted to enjoy the music, the fashion and the spirit of chaotic energy. I wanted to be free from the stress of technology and ubiquitous shiny billboards. I wanted to be happy.

I experienced happiness today. So, who's to say my dreams are dimmer than yours?



# Living Our Dreams

*Evelyn Fong 6C (6)*

Dear Hana,

It has been a long time since we last met. How are you recently? I always want to spend a day with you and tell you how much I have been missing you. Today, all performances have been cancelled due to the bad weather so I finally have the time to take a break.

Originally, I was planning to perform your favourite piece, the “Chaconne” from Bach’s Violin Partita No. 2. I couldn’t stop thinking about you whenever I played this sorrowful and powerful piece. It brought back those happy memories we shared and your absence has been unbearable.

I still vividly remember how we met. You joined our class in the middle of the school term when we were around 8. “Hello, my name is Hana! Nice to meet you,” you said to me cheerfully. Frankly speaking, you surprised me by taking the initiative to approach me. “Nice to meet you too,” I casually replied, trying not to sound like I cared. Due to your outgoing personality, you befriended almost everyone in the class.

I gradually started to understand why you were so popular at school. It was your positivity. Soon, we became close friends.





On another day, you asked me what my dreams were. It was such a difficult question. “Brilliant academic results and a well-paid job,” I answered resolutely.

“Why? Really?” you challenged me with questions.

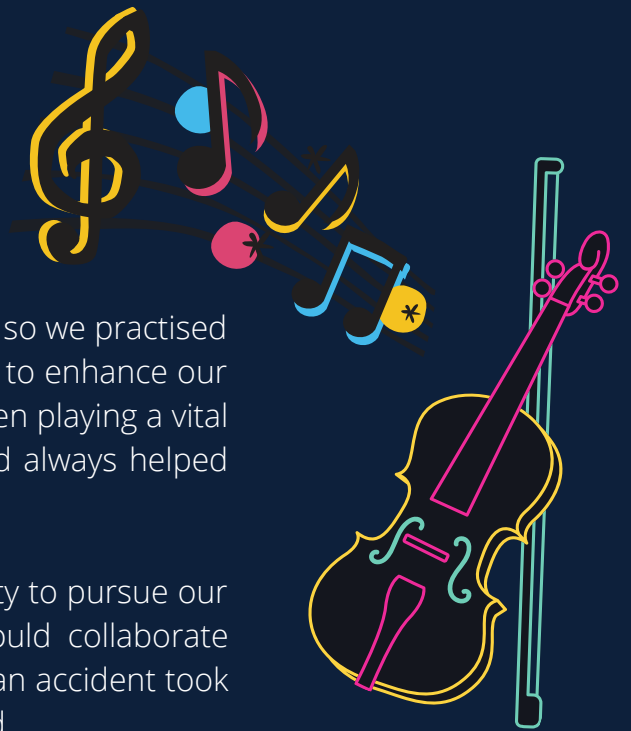
I was struck by what you said. Deep down inside, I knew it wasn’t the answer for sure. Yet, I didn’t admit it.

“To me, what you have been longing for is the pleasure of playing the violin,” you said cheerfully.

“You should pursue what you really like, which is playing the violin. This is your life. You have to live it! I can feel your passion for the violin. I remember that you were extremely gleeful to be able to eventually play the technically demanding Chaconne by Bach. You have the patience, enthusiasm, as well as persistence.”

The practices were indeed tough and sometimes frustrating but I was delighted to have overcome those hardships and succeeded. Since then, I decided to become a professional violinist. I hoped to live a life doing things I enjoyed and I learned I should never live for others.





Like me, you wished to be a violinist, so we practised together and helped each other out to enhance our skills. Do you know that you had been playing a vital role in the pursuit of my dream and always helped me to be a better me?

Then, we entered the same university to pursue our studies in music. I thought we could collaborate together forever, but unfortunately an accident took you away in Year 2. I was devastated.

Losing you, my true friend, there was no one fighting together with me, congratulating me when I succeeded, or encouraging me when I was frustrated.

I screwed up everything in the student concert that year. I lost my motivation to play the violin. Lost in despair, I recalled what you had said. You expressed that your ultimate goal was to heal others' wounds with the power of music. Your insightful response has become my new beacon.



I have to live for myself. I know that you certainly wouldn't want to see me dwell on the painful memory and would tell me to keep going without you. Therefore, I tried as hard as I could to strive for excellence.

Many years have passed and now I play the violin professionally. Because of you, I understand what

my dream is. It is the hope for the future and simple things that make me contented. Fighting for our dreams is never easy, but we will find it incredibly satisfying when we eventually realize them.

Hana, thank you for approaching me that day in the classroom and thank you for letting me understand what my dream really is. Your legacy is not just your music and positivity. You also showed me what embracing my dream really means. Without you, there will always be a void in my heart but I swear to inspire others to transform their dreams into reality, like what you did to me.

Lots of love,  
Jane





*Do something  
each day  
to bring you a little  
closer to your dreams.*

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