



KJS NEWS



ACTION: Apply for 2016/17 Y1 and Y7 places ASAP. Y7 places close on 24th. Complete Y1 vaccination form before 25th. Make an insect before

Student Council

This week marked the end of the fiercely contested Student Council elections. I offer my congratulations to **Marissa** and **Samarth** who take up the position of co-chairs for the year and to the entire Council who I look forward to working with this year:

Y6 Council reps: Zachary, Aarshi, Marissa, Kyra, Hiren, Mudita, Samarth, Nikita, Sylvia, Sameen

Y5 Council reps: Jake, Ziya, Anthony, Ava, Evelyn, Chloe, Samad, Natasha, Ria

Y4 Council reps: Archie, Angi, Krishna, Kaelyn, Bianca, Ka Hang, Lachlan, Tisha, Devansh, Jillian

Y3 Council reps: Riya, Kaden, Nyrah, Lucas, Sia, Josh, Harshitha, John, Sian, David

Watch this space for more news about School Council!

Lantern Festival and PTA AGM

Thank you to all of the families who attended the Lantern Festival and PTA AGM on Friday. So many of you came with your picnics and homemade lanterns, it was a really special event. Some of the children kindly left their lanterns in school for us to display so we can continue to enjoy them over the next couple of weeks. As I listened to Sheila, the outgoing Chair of PTA, reflect on the past achievements of this PTA committee, I was astounded by how much they have achieved both in terms of the events they have organised for our community and the money they have raised to provide additional resources for our students. They have been hard working and fully focussed on enhancing KJS and I thank Sheila and the team from the bottom of my heart for all their hard work and commitment. They hand over now to a new committee under the new Chair, William. As a community working together I know we will all continue to enjoy and support the events throughout this year. The sign up for quiz night on the 9th is nearly full - please contact the PTA office pta@kjs.edu.hk if you would like to participate.

The Mid Autumn Festival is next weekend and I hope you all have a wonderful three day holiday to celebrate it. Please remember there is no school next Monday 28th or Thursday 1st because of public holidays or on Friday 2nd due to staff training.



Tennis Ace

Jessica was a runner-up in the Junior Novice Tennis Competition 2015, organised by the Hong Kong Tennis Association last week. Well done Jessica this is quite an achievement!



Young Writers

I was delighted to receive an email from the author Sarah Brennan this week detailing the results of her latest international writing competition. Congratulations to Marissa (Y6) and Trevor (Y2). Sarah said she really enjoyed reading your work and is looking forward to receiving your entries for her next competition! We have such talented writers in KJS - why not visit Sarah's Blog and look at the competition pages. Perhaps your child would like to have a go next time?

Immunisations

Information concerning the combined measles vaccination issued by the Director of Health has been sent home with your child. Please read it closely. MMR immunisation is required for pupils who have never received MMR vaccine or who have only received one dose of MMR vaccine after the age of one.

An inoculation team from the Department of Health will visit our school to administer the vaccination to eligible Year 1 pupils on Wednesday, 7th of October 2015. Forms and original immunisation records should be returned to school by **Friday, 25th of September 2015**.

Sickness

Please remember to notify us as soon as possible if your child is absent from school. This will save Mrs Davies, the school nurse, spending hours following up unexpected absences with calls to parents.

Library Help

We would love to have some more help in the library. If you are able to spare some time please contact our library team, Mrs Davison and Mrs Burns this week! library@kjs.edu.hk

Wrist bands

I've noticed that lots of wrist bands are being worn to school. Please remember that the only jewellery allowed is worn for religious purposes only.

Kowloon Learning Campus

Dear Parents

The KLC has made several major strides forward in the last few weeks. I will share three recent activities that symbolise the work we are now doing:

1. On Friday well over 200 teachers and EAs across the three school worked together at KJS on the agreed aims. We set up small working groups to develop action points across the whole range of curriculum areas and some of the general goals we set. The atmosphere was electric and full of enthusiasm for the opportunities ahead. Feedback about the day has been very positive and we now have to work to make the actions sustainable and clearly focused on student achievement.

2. Last Wednesday I visited Beacon Hill School (BHS) for a tour and a wider discussion about how we will be able to involve BHS and Clearwater Bay (CWBS) in the development of our Campus. Lots of ideas emerged from the discussions.

3. This week a large group of KGV and JCSRS colleagues met under the chairmanship of Tim Conroy-Stocker (from the ESF SEN team) to develop a protocol for the inclusion of JCSRs students in some KGV LSC classes. Through the discussions we were able to begin to explore how we can successfully move students between the three schools and what issues arise from such movements.

So I continue to be really impressed by what is emerging through our KLC work and will regularly give you insights into what we are doing.

Best wishes

Ed Wickins

Executive Principal of the ESF Kowloon Learning Campus



Beatboxing

It was fun to listen to the amazing vocal percussionist HeartGrey perform in assembly this week! I have just been informed that there are a couple of spaces available in his Monday afternoon class - please contact Mr Davenport if your child is interested in joining.
steve.davenport@kjs.edu.hk



In assembly

Thanks to Zachary for playing us in to assembly this week and to Stephanie, Hannah, Jocelyn, Avantika and Sachi for their drum composition at the end. During assembly Lola, Naimah, Avantika, Aarav and Alexander told us about their understanding and

Chess Tournament



Well done to the chess players yesterday, competing in the Junior Chess Star competition - and thank you to the parents who gave up a whole day to enable their children to participate! Please read the following report, kindly written by Pak (6T). Pak runs two chess clubs at school - one for beginners and one for experts.



On Sunday, 20th of September 2015, KJS chess players had a marvellous day on the event of Junior Chess Star competition organised by QBS PTA. The tournament had 6 rounds, and every round took 50 mins. During the breaks, we played football against other ESF schools. The KJS Team had strong team spirit, in both football and chess, supporting each other every round.



KJS chess players won the following prizes in the upper primary:

*Pak (6T) First-runner -up
 Wilson (6A) Third-runner - up
 Harold (5K) Fifth runner-up
 Andy (6L) Eighth runner-up*

Other players including Jake (5M), Norawee (5R), Shreyas (6A), Alex (2L) and Sumukh (3E) also performed very well.

Everyone had fun, no matter win, draw or lose. Special thanks to Ms. Thomas, who came to see us in Quarry Bay School to encourage and support us in the tournament. We all felt very excited seeing her in the venue and cheering on the KJS team.

experience of our three Learning Zones. Naimah told us that the Learning Zone is where the work is 'a little bit difficult and it makes our brains stretch'. Lola explained that being in the Learning Zone is both tricky and fun! Aaron explained about his cricketing experience and both Alex and Avantika explained the zones to all 900 students.



68th Hong Kong Schools Music Festival (2016)



Entry forms for the 68th Hong Kong Schools Music Festival (2016) are now available http://www.kjs.edu.hk/sites/kjs/files/solo_entry_form_2.pdf.

Parents who wish their children to participate in the Festival must return the completed forms together with the entry fee in cash, to the school office by Wednesday, 7th October. Late applications cannot be processed. Please also write your child's name and class on the top right hand corner of the entry form. For further details on rules, regulations and the syllabus, please visit the official website <http://www.hksmsa.org.hk>.

Emails and devices

There have been some incidences of children sending emails to large numbers of recipients from their school account. Although probably not malicious, this is annoying for all involved. If your child complains about receiving spam from other students, please encourage them to take action by talking to their teacher rather than replying to everyone on the group as this increases the problem. One complaint from children is that when messages are received it disturbs their sleep. There is evidence that suggest that **students should not have devices in bedrooms at all** due to the effect on sleep patterns and the difficulties that parents have monitoring online activities. This website gives further information about screens in children's bedrooms <http://goo.gl/8BGPR4>



Football Success

Well done to *Andy Zhang* and *Lex Loo* for representing the ESF Lions U11 Football Academy in their match against Dragon Shooters on Saturday 12th September.



Ellen Booth Church Early Years Workshop

We are delighted to host Ellen on September 30th for an Early Years workshop at 6.30pm. The session will share some of the recent brain research combined with simple practical suggestions you can take right home to your family. This is an instructive and interactive workshop.... so come prepared to play! Registration at http://bit.ly/ESF_Parents_Sep2015 as soon as possible as places are limited and open to all ESF parents.

New Year 1 Enrolment (Children born in 2011)

The ESF will be welcoming applications for children born in 2011 from 1st – 30th September. Enrolment is on-line through the ESF website: www.esf.edu.hk. Please remember to print a copy of your application and post this with the required documents to: Year 1 Enrolment, English Schools Foundation, 25/F, 1063 King's Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong

Once you have completed the on-line application you will receive an e-mail with a reference number. Should you have any query regarding the on-line application please contact the Admissions Hotline no. 3762-2411.

Budding Journalists

We are looking for young journalists to write for the student newspaper! Please ask your child to email me with prospective articles about



school events, items of local / global significance or creative pieces. Although all writing will be carefully considered for the newspaper we can not promise that every piece will be published. All entries should have KJS POST written in the subject line. Many thanks.



Kung Fu Talent

Well done Vyom for your excellent performance in the sword category of the Kung Fu competition this weekend. Kung Fu takes such concentration and discipline, I was very impressed and really enjoyed watching the video of your performance.



KJS and KGV House system alignment - last chance!

As part of the Kowloon Learning Campus we are looking to create links between our House systems and we know lots of our parents are KGV alumni. We are looking in to the possibility of providing continuity between our House colours for those children who will be going to KGV and ask any parent alumni in to fill in the following Google Form to let us know which House they were in at KGV school.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/16HJKhzByORM5hnHSN50YbQ7Jdko5p06dp90CAAdDCbCU/viewform?usp=send_form

Please note that we are only at the initial stages of this project. Until we know the numbers involved we are unsure whether the plan is workable! All forms should be completed by this Friday please.

With next week being so disrupted due to public holidays and training days you will have plenty of time to start on this month's creativity challenge. I've asked the children to make a model, painting or other creative piece under the theme of INSECTS. I'm hoping for some large scale work that we will be able to use in the hall foyer. With entries from all year groups - and a few teachers - I hope we can make the foyer come alive with beautiful examples of your child's creativity. Judging by the amazing lanterns you made for the Lantern Festival I think we will be in for a treat!

Have you signed up for Quiz Night yet? Please note this has been designed to be a fun night for all the family rather than a 'mastermind' competition. Questions will be asked which will be suitable for all levels from 4 years old to 104! Having heard about some of the arrangements already it sounds like it will be a great way to spend a Friday evening with your family. Please note that there are limited places at quiz night so you may need to contact the PTA office quickly to secure your spot.

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead.

Warmest regards,



Karen Thomas

Head of School

Diary Dates

Public Holiday

Mon 28th September

Y3 Sailing Meeting for parents

*Tues 29th Sept
3.15pm*

Y5 Camp Meeting

*Wed 30th September
3.30pm*

Y6 Camp Meeting

*Wed 30th Sept
4.15pm*

Staff training - school closed for students

Fri 2nd Oct

Y3 sailing days

5th - 9th Oct

PTA Family Quiz Night

Fri 9th October

PE, Mandarin and Music consultations for Y2 and Y4 parents

Tues Oct 13th



Understanding the PYP

October 7th - 5.30pm

Please register on the Gateway.

How to Inspire Your Child to Love Learning

*Ellen Booth Church
Wed 30th
September 6.30pm*

Please register as soon as

possible - places limited.

http://bit.ly/ESF_Parents_Sep2015



ESF Educational Services is very pleased to announce that www.esf.org.hk has a new look and some upgraded features!



The new website has improved navigation, more information on our programmes and a new search function to make it easier to search by course and location. The online booking function has been upgraded with the introduction of a shopping cart enabling you to review selected courses before completing the application form.

To start exploring the new website [CLICK HERE!](#)

We hope you like the new site and find all the information you need.

Need some help in finding your way around?

Email website@esf.org.hk

Call 2711 1280

We'd love to know what you think of the new website! To give us feedback, please complete this short survey. Click [here](#).

With best wishes from the ESF Sports and ESF Language & Learning teams.

Happy browsing!