



# KJS NEWS



**ACTION:** Join the November creativity challenge 'Up high in the sky' - one week left!

## Diwali Assembly

Thank you to all the performers at the Diwali Assembly this year - we thought you did an excellent job! This year the assembly was a wonderful community effort with parents helping to decorate the hall, students managing the sound, lights and special effects and the teachers' dance performance! I extend my thanks to Mike Hudson, Chair of KJS School Council for joining us and supporting our celebrations.

*Auditions for the Chinese New Year Assembly will be in the last week before the holidays. I am looking for a range of performances to both inform and entertain our community. There will be a sign up sheet next week if your child wishes to perform. Please ensure that the form is filled in correctly in order to secure their audition time.*

## Parking

The car parking issue has improved recently, making the road safer and the neighbours much happier! The public car park is still causing issues and I was saddened to hear that some unkind words have been spoken between parents. It is always worth remembering that *'treating others as you would like to be treated yourself'* is one of the key values we teach to the students at KJS.



Over the course of the last two weeks the staff and students have been incredibly busy with learning, parent consultations, school visits and performances - and as we move into the final few weeks of the term it looks as if it will continue at the same pace. Y4 had a wonderful camp. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were great ambassadors for the school as they explored the Sai Kung area. Over the next two weeks both Y6 and Y5 will be off on their camps. We will update parents over the course of the week through email to keep you informed of their adventures. As this letter goes out Y6 are settling well in to their first day on Lamma Island. It has been a great first day for them all. Having arrived by junk boat the children were immediately met by their group leaders. They spent the rest of the day doing a range of team building activities and then getting their tents and yurts ready. Mr Fay tells me their tummies are now full after dinner and that they are all about to start their evening activities!

Please note that as Mr Riddell and Mr Fay are with the Y6 campers there will be no after school running club on Wednesday, after school football club on Thursday or lunch time running club on Friday this week.



## PTA

We currently have more than 150 families who have not paid their annual subscription - some of whom have fees outstanding from last year. Please note that membership of all ESF PTAs is mandatory. Please help us avoid having to send out emails by getting in contact with the PTA and settling your bill.

Our next PTA event is the School Disco, tickets will go on sale from the beginning of December. Watch out for promotional posters around school. **Please note that PTA events are for PTA members - another great reason to pay your fees!** We have been overwhelmed by the response to our call for sponsorship for the PTA raffle this year - there are already some incredible prizes offered by parents. If you are able to make a contribution to the raffle we would be extremely grateful. Please contact the PTA office.

## A Community of Learners

This month we welcomed teachers, parents and leaders from Nanshen Second Foreign Languages School (NSFLS) in Shenzhen to our school. Future work with NSFLS will include opportunities for students to connect with other children in China and staff development. Thank you to Mrs Parker for creating this opportunity for us.

## KGV Fair

KGV will hold the International Fair on Friday 27th November to celebrate the creativity and vibrancy of the School and our wider community, and it will be the final event of KGV's week-long Festival of Creativity.

In addition to the craft stalls, fairground games and great food one always hopes for at a good fair, we will have sportsters competing, drummers jamming, bands rocking, choirs carousing, buskers busking, clowns clowning, speakers speechifying, jugglers spinning, acrobats tumbling and performers of all styles and talents creating an atmosphere of riotous good fun and creative energy.

We invite all parents and families to join us on that Friday night when the fair will run from 5:30pm until 9. Put the date in your diary, and we hope to see you there.

## Hand, Foot and Mouth

We have now been notified of two cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth (HFM) in school. Please be extra vigilant in monitoring your child for symptoms of the HFM which includes fever with spots or rashes on the hands, feet or (ulcers) in the mouth. Whilst the fever associated with HFM is usually mild, in some cases it can cause body temperature to increase rapidly to high levels. In addition the spots may not show for a day or so after the fever.

If you suspect that your child may be infected please seek medical advice and keep them away from school until they have recovered. The virus is not usually serious and recovery time is approximately one week.

## Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds

Last week we had delegates from the Asia Pacific Physical Education Conference in the school. Thank you to **Umar, Annika, Josh and Kyle** who really were exceptional tour guides. At the conference I attended a talk about the importance of children's physical and mental health and the impact of sedentary lifestyles and unhealthy food choices on their future. I would urge all parents to attend the upcoming workshops concerning **Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds** this year. Please remember that we actively encourage healthy snacks in school rather than packaged biscuits or crisps.



## Students in ACTION - EAAK!



Naomi, Jerrica, Ai, Ava, Malvi, Marin, Sallie, Milei, Makayla, Erin, Penelope have created a group - the Environmental Awareness and Action Kids (EAAK!). It is their mission to influence the school community to take more care of our environment. You will certainly be hearing more from them very soon!

## Students in ACTION - Clubs

We have lots of student run clubs happening at KJS with children helping and encouraging each other in many different areas. Today I enjoyed listening to Alex and Norawee teach Theo and Alex more complex moves in Chess Club!



## Students in ACTION

Well done to Anushri 3E who completed the High The Sky Charity Hike on November 7th with her family, raising \$900 dollars for under privileged children in China.



Conrad in 4G has taken service action recently, helping helping out at a lunch hosted for refugee families on November 8th. He was responsible for distributing drinks to refugees and other volunteers. He also spent some time talking to children from these families and made some new friends too.

## Teachers in ACTION



Usually as we approach Christmas the teachers buy small gifts for one another. This year we are practising what we preach and taking action instead, working alongside Angels for Orphans. Children in Hong Kong orphanages have made a list to indicate what they would love as a Christmas present. We will then each choose and buy an item and bring it to school it ready to be distributed by Angels for Orphans. If you wish to join this scheme I will distribute the information next week. Together we can make a real difference.





## Netball Tournament



It was a pleasure to watch the ESF Kowloon Netball Tournament last week held at our school and organised superbly by Mrs Hadley. The girls played some incredible netball and in the end lost out only to Harrow who beat us in the final.

Our students have the most incredible opportunities as the past two weeks have illustrated. I do hope you have enjoyed just a taste of what our students have been up to recently!

Warmest regards,

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## Arts in the Park

Very well done to all the children who performed at Arts in the Park this year. I was thoroughly entertained by the 'Massive Choir', consisting of students from Kowloon Junior, Beacon Hill and Kennedy schools. I thank Mr Davenport and Mrs Mak for making this possible for the students.

## ESF Orchestra Day

On Friday we hosted students from eight other ESF primary schools to come and play together as an orchestra. The morning finished with a wonderful performance of four pieces. When they played it was hard to believe that the students are all in primary schools. Very well done to all involved.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Mon 23rd - 27th**

Y6 Camp

**Tues 1st - 4th**

Y5 Camp

**Tue 24 Nov**

1W Visit to SMP Road Safety Town

3H & 3M Trip to Cheung Chau

**Wed 25 Nov**

3J Trip to Cheung Chau

5K, 5M & 5S Trip to Wetland Park

5R & 5W Trip to Hong Kong Park

**Thur 26 Nov**

Y4 Trip to Kowloon Park

**Wed 2 Dec**

Y6 Vaccination

*The whole school calendar is available on the school website.*



## Term 2 Junior Baking Classes - KJS

January 11<sup>th</sup> - March 24<sup>th</sup>

Fun themed baking course for students, ages 5-11. Enroll your child in our Term 2 after-school baking classes. Lessons include hands-on baking and decorating instruction, recipes to keep and a certificate. Sign up for free trial class on 7<sup>th</sup> January.

For more details, contact Ms. Hong at [flourhk@hotmail.com](mailto:flourhk@hotmail.com)

Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
 <p>Hungry Caterpillar Cake Pops</p>	 <p>Lemon Finger Cookies</p>	 <p>CNY Monkey Cupcakes</p>	 <p>Heart Cake Pops</p>	 <p>Checkerboard Cookies</p>
Lesson 6	Lesson 7	Lesson 8	Lesson 9	Lesson 10
 <p>Cookie Monster Cupcakes</p>	 <p>Pie Pops</p>	 <p>Raspberry Cheesecake Brownies</p>	 <p>Hi Hat Cupcakes</p>	 <p>Easter Coconut Macaroons</p>

For more information, please see the attached brochure and enrolment form or email

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See the Junior Bakers in action by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dOW88jsc8A0>