



KJS NEWS



ACTION TO BE TAKEN: Order year book/ music or sports photos. Sign up for Domestic Helper workshop/celebration.

Diary Dates

Thurs 9th June

Public Holiday

Fri 10th June

School closed - training

Mon 13th June

Y1 vaccinations

Weds 15th June

Y5 to Science Museum

Thurs 16th June

Y6 Exhibition Showcase

Mon 20th June

Y6 vaccinations

Fri 24th June

School year ends at 12pm

RESCHEDULED DENTIST

APPOINTMENTS

Thursday 1 September

9:10-10:30 Current 4M

9:50-11:00 Current 4MC

Friday 2 September

9:50-11:00 Current 1W

Yearbook

I would like to extend my thanks to the 2016 Yearbook Team who, under the guidance of Mr Fay, have been working tirelessly to ensure that the Yearbook will be ready for the end of term. I have been so impressed with their diligence and motivation, working through many of their lunch times. The Yearbook is now available for ordering at HK \$100 per copy. If you would like to purchase a copy please send in a cheque payable to Kowloon Junior School – with your child's name and class written clearly on the back. All orders must be received by Friday 17th June. Yearbooks will be distributed to students in the last week of term.

Jump Rope for Heart Skipathon

Thanks to your generosity and the Y5 students' enthusiasm we managed to raise the grand total of HK\$21,584 as a result of the Skipathon last week - a KJS best!

The children demonstrated their commitment and determination in sometimes gruelling conditions in order to prepare for this event. My thanks also go to the House Captains for their excellent support. I have been very encouraged to hear reports from parents detailing increased student awareness of the importance of being fit and healthy, knowledge we hope they keep with them throughout their lives.



Sports News

AQUATHON: We enjoyed watching Hannah, Shashvat, Isabella, Alessia and Kayan in the Aquathon competition on Saturday. Organized and supported by Mr Riddell and Mr Fay, the competition, held at KGV, involved schools from all over Hong Kong. Our team competed really well, all achieving personal bests. We missed Hayden who was unable to join us as he was unwell.



CRICKET: Both teams played fantastic cricket on Wednesday. Our plate team battled hard to secure second place overall. The cup team were disappointed to lose their first game but recovered very well to win their remaining 3 games with some fantastic cricket. The boys were very unlucky to miss out on the cup trophy but should be proud of their runners up finish. Thank you to Mr Riddell and Mr Woodward for their cricketing support.



DH Workshop and Celebration 17th June 1.30 - 2.45pm

On Friday 17th June the PTA will host our annual opportunity for families to thank their Domestic Helpers for ably caring for their children throughout the year.

This year, in line with our Guiding Statement 'Developing a community of learners', the former 'Aunty Party' has grown into a workshop opportunity as well as a celebration for all our Domestic Helpers, This will culminate in children coming to thank them at the end of the session. The first workshop will be led by Luke Moxon and Matt Caplin and will focus on Positive Behaviour Management strategies.

Parents wishing to secure a place on the workshop should sign in to Gateway. This will also enable your child to be released from class at 2.30pm on the day in order to go to the hall and present their Domestic Helper with a card or message of thanks that they will have made at home.

Reena Bhowani's Author Visit Highlights/Online Book Order



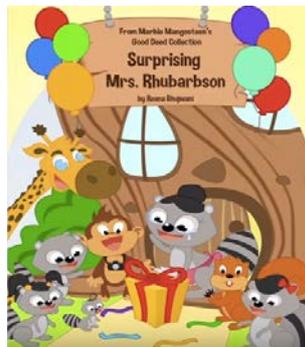
On March 23, author Reena Bhowani visited KJS. She did some character-building activities, gave a sneak preview of her first picture book and did a writing workshop with some Y3 students. Reena attended KJS herself so it was lovely to have her back! You can see the highlights by clicking on this link: https://youtu.be/Lw_i6QLnBOM. (N.B. this video can only be viewed by those with this link. Feel free to share it with your family and friends!).

Hot off the press! The book is now available for you to order! **Surprising Mrs. Rhubarbson** is the first book in the Marble Mangosteens's Good Deed Collection series. The book hopes to provide children with 'edutainment' by encouraging them to care for the members of their community. It touches on the following topics:

- Kindness
- Gratitude
- Selflessness

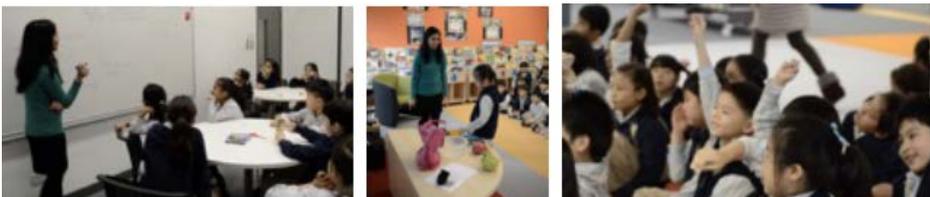
The book also contains:

- Discussion points (and answers)
- An illustrated noun glossary
- A writing activity at the back



To order your copy please click on the link to the online order form:

https://form.jotform.me/guest_61543874984066/an-inspired-muse-publication-surpri



Please place your order by **JUNE 13** to ensure your book is delivered by June 17! *Reena Bhowani is an independent author and Kowloon Junior School shall take no responsibility for any services provided by Reena Bhowani or any other organisations/individuals that are not affiliated to Kowloon Junior School or English Schools Foundation.*

HOUSE POINTS

THIS WEEK

Daids
151

Andrews
107

Patricks
109

Georges
157



Safe Sun Practice:
Please remember to bring a hat to school every day.



Walk away
Ignore
Talk it out
Talk firmly
Seek help

Using our WITTS: In order to help students with conflict resolution we ask them to use their WITTS - can they explain this to you?



Mother Tongue Development



As many of you know, an important part of our admissions process involves a meeting with parents to find out more about each child. We take this opportunity to share with prospective parents key aspects of Kowloon Junior School so everyone knows what they are essentially signing up for. We talk about our curriculum and style of learning, the value we put on a close community and also how we consider the development of a child's mother tongue to be crucial to their sense of identity and cognitive growth. We send home weekly updates so that parents have the opportunity to discuss learning in the home language and are offering more opportunities for parents to come in and do the same in school. We have extremely successful Japanese and Korean Mother Tongue groups at school run by some of our wonderfully proactive parents.

Our library has an ever growing collection of books in different languages. **If you are visiting your home country during the holidays and wish to donate a home language book to the library we will ensure your child's name is displayed in it in recognition of your generosity.**

The ESF Bilingual Hub supports language development across the schools. Please see below for an exciting opportunity from Benôt Bardin, the ESF French Advisor:

Cours de français langue maternelle: Ecoles Primaires de l'ESF



Chers parents,

Je souhaitais vous informer des deux formes possibles de soutien que prendront les cours de français langue maternelle dans les écoles primaires de l'ESF à la rentrée prochaine (année scolaire 2016-17):

- Soit un cours dispensé par les parents pour lequel l'ESF s'engage à fournir formation et ressources pédagogiques.
- Soit un cours assuré par un enseignant recruté par l'ESF et rémunéré par les familles concernées.

Vous pourrez décider de la fréquence et de la durée des leçons qui se dérouleront dans l'école de votre enfant et commenceront après 15h00.

Afin de mieux cerner votre intérêt pur ce programme, vous serait-il possible de m'envoyer vos réponses au court questionnaire à droite, de préférence **avant le 20 juin**?

Bien entendu, je vout invite à me contacter pour toute information complémentaire sur ces cours de langue maternelle et à faire circuler ce message auprès des familles françaises de notre fondation.

Par avance, un grand merci à tous.

Cordiales salutations,

Benôt Bardin

Top tips for Mother Tongue Development

Speak Your Language Properly: When talking to your child, speak your language articulately, using rich vocabulary, and without the use of "baby talk". Use the appropriate names and create whole, articulate sentences. Children can cope with this, and develop stronger language skills (in multiple languages) as a result. You can develop Mother Tongue skills by reading, talking and writing in your native language.

Different Topics: Talk about everything (In your mother tongue, of course)! Speak with your child about what is happening around you, encourage your child to ask questions, and take the time to answer them too. Remember, knowledge, skills and concepts that are learned in the native language can easily be transferred into another language. However, if no concepts are learned in the mother tongue, the vocabulary and literacy of the child will be very limited - in all the languages that he/she is learning.

Broad Range of Conversation Partners: Show your child that other people speak your language too. Your child needs to hear the language from many different speakers (Old, young, male and female voices, various accents and dialects, and in different media such as the telephone or radio). Enlist the help of family members to help support this. Also, mix with other people from the community who speak your language to expose your child to different situations and environments. This allows the child to learn how adults communicate, as he/she has the opportunity to listen to communication between same language speakers.





The long holidays are nearly upon us. Some of you will be flying out and others staying in Hong Kong. The holidays are a time to relax and play, to catch up with friends and enjoy each other's company. We recommend reading, play dates, lots of creative and physical activities and time outside to play. We also know that when the weather is very hot it is a good idea to have a few other activities available. Here are a few opportunities that have come to my attention this week:

Junior Baker Summer Camp 2016

Fun summer baking program for children ages (5-8 yrs) and (9-12 yrs). Enroll your children in Week 1 and Week 2 baking camp. Lessons include hands-on baking and decorating instruction, recipes to keep and a certificate. For more details or to reserve a place, please email Ms. Hong at flourhk@hotmail.com

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Flip Flop Cookies	 Beach Ball Cake Pops	 Banana Split Cupcakes	 Ice Cream Sandwiches	 Dragonfly Cupcakes
 Popsicle Cookies	 Summer Fruit Trifle	 Pirate Cake Pops	 Ice Cream Cupcakes	 Surfboard Cupcakes

Summer Baking Camp begins 25th July REGISTRATION FORM ATTACHED.

Come and join us @ FLOUR for some fun summertime baking. Let's make cupcakes, cookies and cake pops, all summer themed. Invite your friends to join too and make it into a baking party! All ESF students welcomed.

Ms Lan Hee Hong is a fully qualified teacher and also a cake designer. For more information please email Ms. Hong at flourhk@hotmail.com

See the Junior Bakers in action and their amazing creations by clicking on the links below: <https://youtu.be/dOW88jsc8A0>

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ESF Summer Sports Camps 27 June - 12 August 2016

Summertime is **the** time to get out and get moving. With an ESF Sports Camp your child will do just that! Providing a safe and enjoyable environment for students, ESF Sports keeps FUN central to our programme. Our enthusiastic approach combined with expert coaches with a passion for sport, enables every student to develop a broad spectrum of acquisition skills to increase their self-confidence in a range of activities, both as an individual and within a group or team dynamic. Enrol online www.esf.org.hk.

- [Multi Sports Camp](#) [Full Day Camps](#) [Football Camp](#) [Swimming Clinics](#) [Gymnastics Clinics](#) [Tennis Clinics](#)



ESF Summer Language Camps 4 July - 26 August 2016

As a premier provider of extracurricular English language and enrichment education in Hong Kong, we look forward to your children joining us this summer for exciting and rich learning experiences across a VARIETY OF COURSES. Suitable for all pre-school and school age students, our small group courses are run by our friendly, qualified, English speaking teachers. Enrol online www.esf.org.hk.

- [English Language - World Around Us](#) [Full Day Camps](#) [Playgroup Camps](#) [Kindergarten Camps](#) [Primary Camps](#) [Secondary Camps](#) [Cambridge English Exams](#)



Student Achievement

Last week **Ishaan** (1S) participated in the first YD Taekwondo KOREA Open Championship in Hong Kong, receiving a bronze medal and a trophy in "Green Blue" belt within his age group. Focus, confidence and balance were key highlights of his performance. This event was held in Hung Hom with approximately 200 children participating across different age groups and levels. Well done Ishaan!



Archer (1B) is an avid Australian Football League fan. Aussie Rules is an exciting game played with a ball shaped like a rugby ball, played on an oval pitch, where players compete to kick goals between 4 posts at each ends. He plays every weekend for the Kowloon Cobras. Archer's team had a victory against the Lantau Lizards at Sai Kung Stadium on 28 May. He and another team mate represented his team to receive the trophy! Well done Archer!

Congratulations also go to **Alexander** (5R) who participated in a Chinese speech competition, receiving a gold award for his efforts!



I am always delighted to hear about all these achievements and proud of the commitment that our students demonstrate. Don't forget I am also very interested to hear if your child has demonstrated any of the Learner Profiles or taken some action as a result of their in school learning.



Please don't forget that there is no school for children on Thursday or Friday this week. On Thursday we can all enjoy the Dragon Boat racing and on Friday the teachers will all be in school to review our programme and start planning for next year. We want our Units of Inquiry to all be significant, meaningful and challenging and to offer authentic opportunities for personal inquiry. Mrs Doucette has been busy talking to students to find out which units they have liked best in order to inform our review!

Wishing you a wonderful long weekend - I hope the sun will be shining for you.

Warmest regards,

Karen Thomas

Head of School

Did you know? Two of the ten Learner Profiles are focussed on during each Unit of Inquiry (UoI). Each child has the opportunity to inquiry into 36 UoIs while at KJS, offering them plenty of opportunity to monitor and develop these attributes which we believe are the indicators of a truly internationally minded person.